

Truman flying to Hawaii

The relatively weak frontier positions remaining in French hands are constantly exposed to attack by overwhelming numbers of well-equipped Vietnamese troops. The danger even extends to Langson.

(Authoritative sources in Paris said France urgently wants more and faster American military aid in Indochina but that there are no present plans to increase in size of such forces. Agitating there against the severe curbing of French Colonial and Vietnamese troops are estimated at

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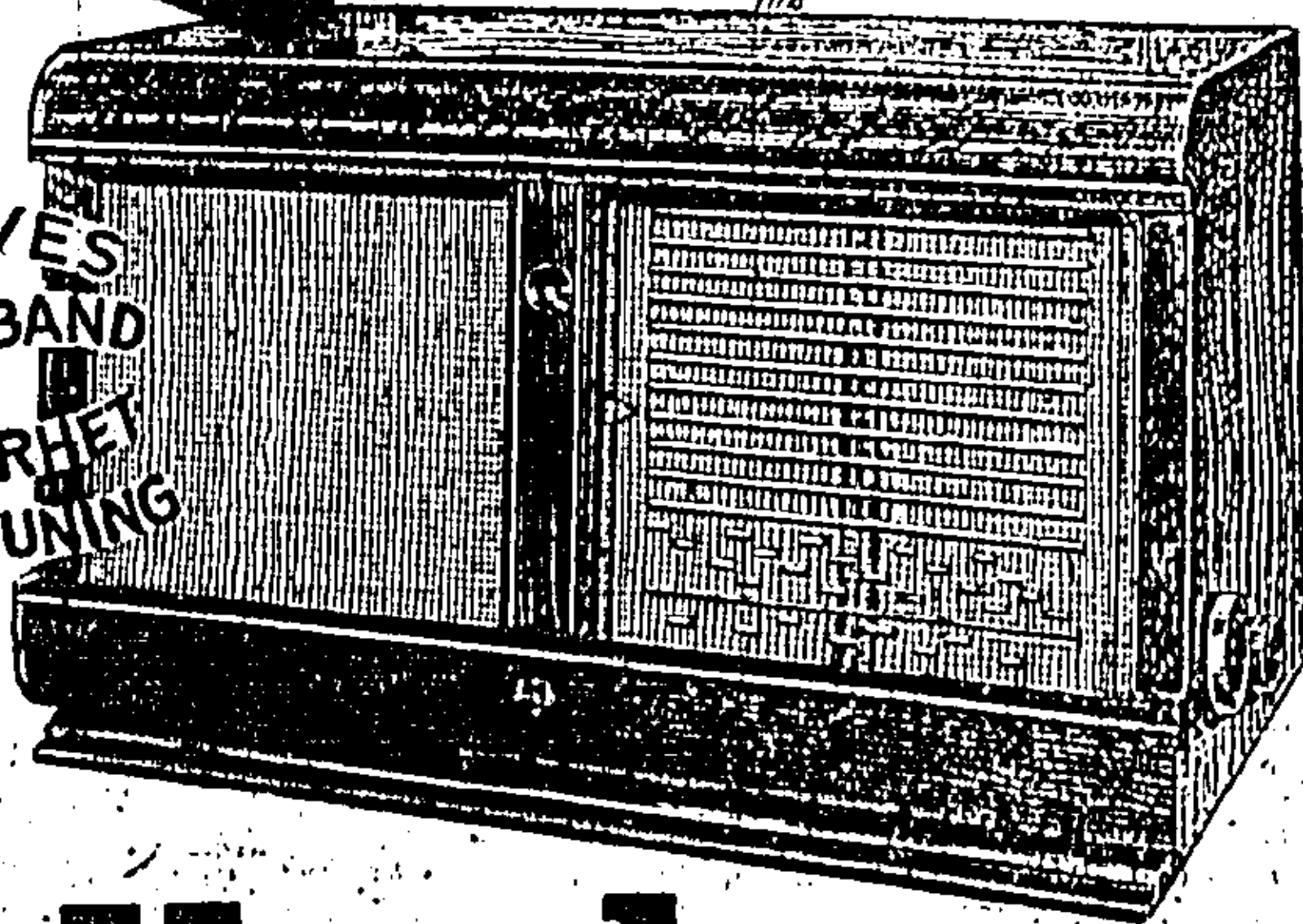
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GUNS AND DOGS

"Sir, From the wide circulation of 'Pro Bono Publico' has given his letter, he is following the best traditions of successful campaigning by making maximum use of publicity, especially when it is free.

In case he has aspirations as a politician, I vote we start by electing him Mayor of Tsunwan. In order to enable him to stop the traffic of smuggling vicious, rabies-infected gun-dogs, he could probably organize a posse and create an effective road-block, which could also be employed to prevent all dogs at present kennelled at the Gun Club going into the actual hunting-grounds. Why not make a really good job out of it?

If, as he says, the Police have been "selected" all sportsmen would do well to bring along with them their (a) gun licence (\$20); (b) game licence (\$50); (c) dog licence (\$10); (d) rabies certificate (\$10). Confronted with so many official certificates, there is just a chance that the Police might be a little bit confused, thus enabling the sportsman to make a dash for it. Then by saying up somewhere in Tibet, that when a person suddenly develops an obsession about a disease, he is very likely to succumb as a victim to its scourge. One of the first symptoms of Rabies is to rave before actually going mad. Since "P.B.P." has shown so much concern for all of us, I can do no less than reciprocate with this timely warning in return. Yours faithfully,
TOLLWUTIGER HUND.

NO FRENCH DEMAND TO U.S.

Paris October 11. France has not demanded a speed up in United States military aid because of the recent heavy losses in Indo-China, a French Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

"Warfare in Indo-China is of an ebb and flow nature. We envisaged the evacuation of some frontier posts, planning to withdraw and recapture them later," he said.

"There was no proof of Chinese aid to the Vietnamese forces, but there is no doubt that they received equipment and artillery that were not made on the spot," he added.—Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Assistant Superintendent of Police Christopher John Rowland Dawson, of 59 Courtlands, Kennedy Road, and Miss Claire Helene Devoud, of 45 Shouson Hill Road, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

U.S. rearmament rate inadequate—Bradley

Washington, October 12.

General Omar Bradley warned tonight that the rate of rearmament was inadequate and that his Joint Chiefs of Staff soon would hand President Truman a stoppied-up mobilisation programme. He made the statement on the heels of a disclosure by Major-General Lewis Hershey, national draft Director, that the question of asking Congress to lower the draft age to 18 was being considered seriously.

Mr. Hershey admitted uncertainty as to how Congress would react.

Suspension of U.S. Visas

An official of the American Consulate in Hong Kong said yesterday that no instructions had been received from Washington as yet regarding the temporarily suspension of passport visas issued to aliens.

However, those who hold visas issued before October 12 and who have not left the Colony, were required to have them re-validated at the Consulate prior to being accepted by the various shipping companies and air lines, a travel agency spokesman said.

Visas issued after October 12 are valid and persons holding them could book passages on ships and planes for the United States, he continued.

Officials of two of the main shipping companies with vessels plying between the Far East and the United States—the American President Lines and the United States Line—Pan-American Airways concurred in saying that they were continuing to take on booking passages by persons holding visas issued by the American Consulate.

The officials added that they were not empowered to refuse passage to anyone holding a visa issued by the Consulate. The President Cleveland is leaving for the United States tomorrow and passengers who have been on board will be allowed to leave.

Similarly the ss. Flying Dragon of the United States Lines will be leaving the Colony on Monday with her 12 cabins occupied by passengers.

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CASABLANCA PLANE CRASH

Casablanca, October 13. There crew members of an Air Atlas DC-3 airliner were killed today when the plane crashed and burned while taking off for Algiers. The plane's four passengers were rescued from the flames.

The plane dropped off on one wing when the left engine failed a few hundred yards from the airport. The pilot tried to turn and land but could not maintain altitude and the plane crashed and burst into flames.

Rescue teams from the airport were able to pull the four passengers from their seats but could not save the pilot, engineer radioman who were burned to death. The passengers were hospitalised in Casablanca.—United Press.

At the same time, the President issued strict new draft regulations for doctors, dentists and veterinarians. They are aimed at guaranteeing minimum standards of health on the home front and putting younger medics in uniform first.

General Bradley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs, appeared on the Columbia Broadcasting System's radio programme "One Nation Indivisible." He said the threat posed by Communist aggression would require more men and money than present plans called for.

"I am sure that if this is not done," he added soberly, "our chances of preserving the peace will be much less."

The programme was transcribed this morning before General Bradley left to join President Truman on the West Coast. He will accompany the chief executive to his mid-Pacific rendezvous with General MacArthur to discuss anti-Communist strategy in the Far East.

He said the "loose" war in Korea had taxed this country's then existing military resources to the breaking point. He added that Congress had provided for vastly larger armed forces since then, but even they would not be enough to cope with a major Red assault.

U.S. to stand ready

General Bradley also said that while the United Nations' triumphs in Korea might have deterred the Communists from open attack elsewhere the United States must stand ready to rebut even larger attacks if helpless peoples were to be protected.

Under present draft regulations, men 18-25 must register for the draft, but only those 19 or above can be inducted. Veterans are not "draft-proof" although Congress may be asked to change the law in January. Asked by reporters whether he was ready to recommend a draft of 18-year-olds to Congress, Mr. Hershey refused to comment except to say that the question was being seriously considered.—United Press.

Personalia

Mr. and Mrs. G. Anderson, Miss E.W. Murie, Messrs. M. T. O. Brennan, P.G. Dunne, D.A. Farren and P.J. O'Rourke arrived by Hong Kong from England and Singapore yesterday by the mv. Cathina.

Among those who left for the Sydney yesterday by Qantas Empire Airways were K. Lipphardt, Mrs. R. Lipphardt, Mrs. D. Lipphardt, G.F. Robinson, Mrs. T.V. Robinson, Miss I. Robinson, Mrs. Wang Ying Chung-chun, Wang Tung-jen, C.S. Hooper, Louie Kuei-yin, Mrs. V.G. Aylward, G.B. Bineley, D.N. Bineley, Mrs. K. Bineley, Mrs. J. Samootina, R.A. Slonger and Francis Lam.

Departures for the United Kingdom yesterday included W. Edwards, Miss D.M. Bush, W. Marshall, C.G. Jarrett, G.J. Dunbrell, Brig. D.W. Nelson, and L/Cpl. D.A. Braund.

Departures from Hong Kong to Indo-China by Air France yesterday included Miss Ho Chuan-tien, Miss Nguyen Van Thien, Mrs. Sia Kee-eheng, Messrs. Tran Van Can, Hsu Yao-wen and Han Yao-ching.

Messrs. J. Seres, M. Sestre, Tieu Kim and Du Phuoc Tuu arrived here from Saigon yesterday by Air France.

Tories chant for more houses

Blackpool, October 13. Four thousand British Conservatives yelled and shouted here today for a pledge that their party would build at least 300,000 houses a year if returned to power.

Bitter criticisms of the nation's housing shortage marked the second day of the Party's annual conference here. Before the crowded meeting was a resolution deploring "the slow rate of building and high rents" and urging a freer hand for private enterprise builders.

As the resolution was put to the meeting delegates started to yell in chorus: "We want 300,000" meaning they wanted this definite target figure inserted.

It was the noisiest scene at a conference meeting for several years. It lasted until the Party chairman, Lord Woolton, rose and agreed that the figure should be added to the resolution.

The Labour Government's housing target at present is 200,000 houses a year. Only one man voted against the amended resolution and he was booed.

Speakers declared that broken marriages had been legion in the past few years because of the housing shortage.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Dr. G. V. A. Griffith: Senior Medical Officer, effective from January 12.

Dr. G. Graham - Cumming: Senior Health Officer, effective from April 1.

Mrs. Young Kwah-tung, Khoo Keng-wah and Pang Teng-chung: Medical Officers, effective from August 1.

Miss Mabel Lucy Everett: Principal Matron, effective from May 3.

Miss Helen Gordon Grant: Matron, Class I, effective from May 3.

Miss Helen Craig Fisher and Miss Sarah Hannah Andrews: Matrons, Class II, effective from May 3 and July 13, respectively.

Miss Ethel Mary Chippis: Senior Nursing Sister, effective from May 3.

Mr. M. M. Watson: re-appointed an Official Member of the Legislative Council, until April 30, 1951.

Mr. C. E. Davis, Official Justice of the Peace, appointment revoked. Mr. Davis is going on leave prior to retirement from public service.

Mr. E. L. Forde: name added to Lists A and B of suitable officers under the Waterworks Ordinance.

Dr. Chin Thum-tsewi: entitled to practise in Hong Kong.

Appointments in the Girl Guides Association, Hong Kong, Mrs. D. E. Langdale, Chief, Complete, Mrs. A. E. Wilson, Deputy, Mrs. M. C. Colby, Secretary, Mrs. D. C. Fairbank, Deputy Secretary.

New meteorological station at Ping Shan

All the equipment and apparatus for the proposed new meteorological station at Ping Shan, in the New Territories, have arrived in Hong Kong, said the quarterly report of the Royal Observatory.

A tide stick has been installed at Cape D'Aguilar to enable observations to be made of the swell generated by typhoons, tropical storms and monsoon winds.

The report added that Pratas weather reports continue to be received regularly and are of great value to the Royal Observatory.

Arrangements are being made with the Philippine Weather Bureau for additional hourly weather reports to be sent on request from Laeag, a station in Northern Luzon, when a typhoon is crossing that region.

Alterations to the night signal lamps at supplementary typhoon signal stations were completed by the Public Works Department.

Some 4,500 weather reports were received from ships at sea during the quarter, and 59 ships were visited in port. 25 ships' barometers checked. Three more ships have been recruited as voluntary observing ships, and provided with the necessary publications and instruments. One ship ceased to observe on change of ownership.

A short course of lectures on meteorology was given in August to candidates for aeronautical licences. Seven candidates for licences were examined in meteorology, of whom six passed.

Four pilot balloon ascents and a radio-sonde ascent were made each day as routine. The PWD has begun work on the approach road for the new radio-sonde station in King's Park.

The installation of the internal circuits for the time service was completed, and on September 18 the lights on the Observatory mast flashed the 9 p.m. time signal for the first time since the war. Arrangements are also being made to broadcast the time signals, and to relay them by headline to the Airport, the Railway and the Telephone Co.

Exasperating delays in Australian ports

Sydney, October 12

The Menzies-Fadden Government is tackling the exasperatingly slow turn-round of shipping in strategic, Communist-dominated Australian ports.

The Minister for Labour, Mr. Harold Holt, called a conference of shipowners, waterfront unions and shipping officials where he urged them decide how to:

1. Improve industrial relations on the waterfront.
2. Reduce increasing costs of handling freight.
3. Speed-up turn-round time. Expecting more ships in Australian ports in 1951, Mr. Holt warned: "Overseas shippers will be discouraged from accepting cargoes for Australia because they will feel that ships will be held up for unreasonably long times here."

One of the first results of the discussions was lifting the Communist-dominated Waterside Workers' Federation a ban on Sunday work. It imposed in 55 Australian ports.

Costly delays to ships when unloading or loading in Australia have long exasperated overseas shippers. Passengers sometimes suffer too. The ss. Vangelina, plying between New Zealand and Australia, recently carried 500 tons of freight-including a lot of heavy baggage—three times across the Tasman Sea before it was finally unloaded in Sydney.

The Sydney Chamber of Commerce found that the rate of cargo handling had decreased by 50 per cent since 1938. In Melbourne, Harbour Trust pointed out that whereas 34 ships handled 90,000 tons in 36 days at one berth in 1938, it took the same number of ships 200 days to handle 51,000 tons last year.

Four factors

Shipping officials say four main factors are responsible for the chronic delay in work on the waterfront.

1. There are not enough longshoremen and they work inefficiently.

2. Railways fail to give wharves adequate service because of steel and coal shortages.

3. Mechanical equipment is inadequate, except at bulk wheat berths.

4. Cargoes from overseas are larger.

What unionists challenge the view that there are not enough men. They say more men are continuously being absorbed to increase the labour ranks. They also claim that 80 per cent work about 44 hours a week.

Another union complaint is the slow clearance by customs of goods. In Sydney, they have lowered the limit of goods allowed to be cleared.

Neutral observers say that Australia's shipping problem, viewed from the shortage of labour, wharf facilities, etc., is reflected in other industries.

In Sydney, the present wharf labour force is 7,000 men. The port often needs 12,000. About 17 per cent of total working hours are estimated lost through late starting, early finishing, and prolonged rest and lunch periods.

Also important is the weather. In the first six months of 1950, Sydney had almost 100 wet days, and when it rains the "warrior" doesn't like to work. Consequently ships banked up all over the harbour for weeks.

One rainy day, Communists distributed leaflets saying: "Don't get wet to keep the shipowners' cargo dry."

Citizens have been made that speedier discharge of ships in Sydney Harbour would cause greater congestion on the waterfront unless factory and work-shops co-operated in longer hours. "The only solution of this problem," said trucking representative V. W. Howe, "is longer hours for all concerned."

Whether we like it or not, he added, "the reduction in working hours caused by the 40-hour week in 1947 has been, and still is, the cause of many bottlenecks in industry and has contributed to the high cost of living."

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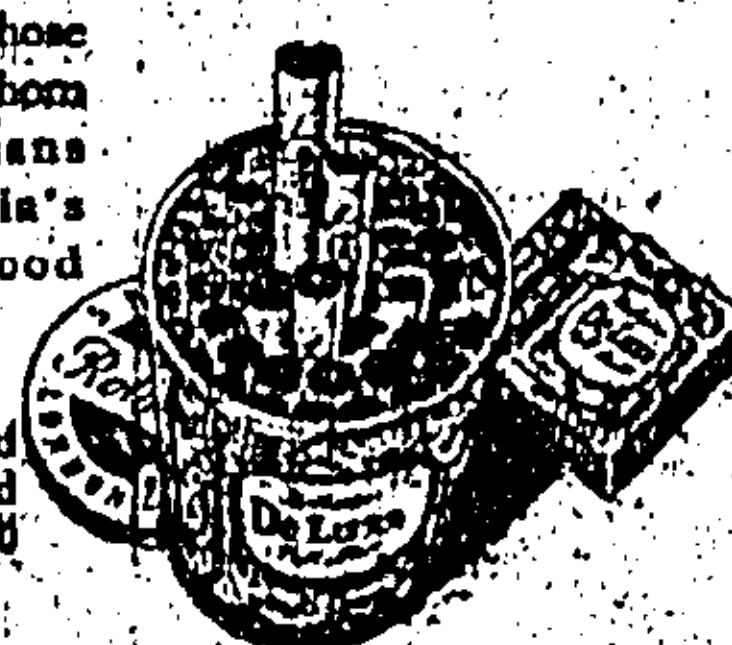
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Hong Kong Tramways building new tramcars

Tramcars in Hong Kong, like the motor-car, have succumbed to the craze for streamlining, and before the year is out there will be at least four brand new tramcars on the track, built on the latest streamlined model. They will be followed by a further 20 of the same type by June next.

Unlike builders of motor-cars, the Hong Kong Tramways Limited have started building this new model car not for the sake of better appearance, but solely for greater safety and comfort for the travelling public.

Sequel to fatal explosion

On a charge of a double murder, Wong Wai-ling alias Wong Jui, aged 39, faced criminal proceedings before Mr. Justice at Central yesterday.

Accused was charged with the murder of Wong King-chuen, aged 16 and Ho Tai-ye, aged 3, August 12 at Aberdeen.

It was a brand new tramcar looking apple and sun. A crane lifted it bodily out of the bay and placed it on the track. A motorman then drove it back to the tramway shed for the final touch up.

There it was christened No. 72, and in a fortnight, or sooner, it will take to the tracks for regular service. It will replace the old No. 72 which, having reached the age limit for retirement, will join its predecessors in the scrap yard.

Now a few words about this new model. Externally it is of the same size as the existing car, but inside there is more space and seating accommodation. The upper deck has an extra row of seats.

In appearance it is a decided improvement on the existing type, the streamlining giving it a smooth look from the outside.

Safety device

The keynote, however, is in safety and comfort, and the first safety device is the automatic shutting and opening of the doors. A small lever in front of the motorman will enable him to shut the doors before he starts the tram. This will eliminate any risk of people getting on after the tram starts or of people getting off before it stops.

As an extra precaution there is affixed also a mirror above the front door for the motorman to make sure there are no people still trying to get on the tram at the back before he starts the car, though normally he does not start until he gets a ring from the conductor.

Next there are the steps which are now so constructed that passengers may get on or alight with much greater ease, and with less risk of slipping. An additional precaution here is the installation of electric lights both in front and at back, so passengers can see clearly at night, where the street lighting is poor.

The climb to the upper deck has likewise been improved by making the stairs less steep.

The seats on the upper deck are fixed, so that standing passengers can have something to hold on to when the tram lurches over bumps. The provision of ventilators above the windows on both decks will let fresh air in when the windows are shut when it rains.

At present passengers have either to suffocate or get wet.

Lighting on both decks is also improved by the provision of nearly double the number of lights, as compared with the existing cars.

These, in short, are some of the outstanding features of the new tramcar, one of which, No. 121, has been on the run for some time.

Modernisation

Building of new car bodies on the latest model is part of the Hong Kong Tramways Company's overall modernisation programme. The decision was made last year and a first model was built—No. 120.

With No. 120 as a basis, certain further improvements were made, and a final design was then drawn up and approved.

The Tramways Company get to work at once to build four of these new cars, and placed a contract with the Taitok Dock and the Kowloon Dock for each of them to build 10 cars.

The first of the four built at the Tramways Company's works, No. 121, was completed some time ago and was at once put into service. No. 122 is now having the final touches put on her and will be put on the tracks next week. Nos. 123 and 124 will probably be completed by early December.

The four cars built by the Tramways Company are for addition to the fleet, which is to remain at 124. The 20 built by the two Dock Companies are for replacements.

The new car delivered on Wednesday, it was learned, was from the Taitok Dock who expect to deliver at least one new car a month. The Kowloon Dock is expected to make their first delivery next month.

So despite the fact that the fare for travel on the tram is the cheapest in the Colony, the Tramways Company is spending millions of dollars to improve the service for the better comfort and greater safety of the travelling public.

A tramway official, contacted by the China Mail, said he did not know what the cost of the new cars was, but it must be millions. "Better ask the Directors," he authorised the company to be advised.

Reminders

Today:
St. Andrew's Church, Forces' excursion, 2 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, Tombola (Snow Ball), 7.30 p.m.
Ruco, meeting, Happy Valley, 2 p.m.
Round the Bend by Jonathan Sly, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.
European YMCA Garden Party, at Tennis Ground, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Glory Medicine Co. Ltd., official opening of new establishment, at 61A, Queen's Road, Central, 1 p.m.

Coming events
TOMORROW:
The H. Classical Concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
St. John Ambulance and Brigade, Wong King, Sai Shing, competition, 11.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.
NAAFI Club, Kowloon, Snooker Tournament, 7 p.m.
Ariachin Group, European YMCA, film "The Voice of the Deep", 8.45 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, film "Lady Takes a Chance", 8 p.m.

MONDAY:
Crown Land Auction Sale, PWD office, 3 p.m.
Union Jack Club, tombola, 7.30 p.m.
Whist Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
TUESDAY:
J.K. Rotary Club, luncheon, Roof Garden, HK Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
NAAFI Club, Kowloon, table tennis tournament, 8 p.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.
Nine Dragons Services Club, whist drive, (Cash Prizes) 7.30 p.m.
Cheong's Services Club, Whist Drive, 8 p.m.

Piracy trial at Sessions

The piracy trial at the Criminal Sessions entered its seventh day yesterday with the fifth of the seven accused giving evidence on his own behalf before the Senior Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gould, and a jury of four men and three women.

The accused are Lam Han, aged 31, travelling trader; Lam Yuk-ming, aged 39, unemployed; Tam Kon, aged 40, travelling trader; Tang Kai-ming, aged 38, travelling trader; Wan Chung-wai, aged 21, greaser; Kwok Chung-kwong, aged 40, coxswain; and Chung Chun, aged 37, cook.

According to the prosecution the seven men took part in the piracy of a Chinese coastal vessel, Kwong Hei Lee, which was sailing from Hainan Island to Canton on May 20. One person was killed and another wounded.

The men are alleged to have intercepted the vessel which was carrying various goods—including gold bars—off Nam Pang Island in a motor boat, and towed the vessel to the island. The passengers were eventually released, and made their way to the Colony. The cargo was disposed of here.

The defence put up by some of the accused was that they were members of the Nationalist blockade force operating from Nam Pang Island in the Pearl River delta.

Yesterday, the fifth accused claimed he was a member of the crew of the motor boat which intercepted the vessel in question, and denied any charges of piracy. The trial was adjourned until Monday.

WANCHAI ROBBERY

About HK\$5,000 worth of cash and valuables were taken from the first floor premises of 275 Hennessy Road, Wanchai, by three men, armed with pistols and daggers about 2.30 p.m. yesterday.

The men gained entrance into the house on the pretence of visiting someone.

Once inside, they drew out their weapons, ordered the occupants into a room, and ransacked the house, making off with HK\$1,500, US\$200, and some gold and jewellery.

Three toy pistols were later found on the stairs leading to the floor.

The police was notified.

SIAM RICE

The Department of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday that in view of the easy supply position, no further import licences will be issued at present for the commercial importation of Siam rice, except in respect of glutinous rice and 100 per cent whole rice.

BROWN SUGAR

The Food Section, Supplies Branch, Department of Commerce and Industry announced yesterday that during the rationing period, from October 20 to 20 November, brown sugar at 20 lb. tins will be issued at one ration point.

A person who has a ration card will be issued one tin of brown sugar, and a person who has a ration card will be issued one tin of brown sugar.

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Prison industries show high level of output

Prison industries showed a high level of output and the quality of goods produced was maintained, said the July-September quarterly report of the Commissioner of Prisons, Hong Kong.

Discipline in the prisons has been maintained at a satisfactory standard. Outside working parties averaged more than 500 prisoners daily.

Price control removed from certain items

Further effect has been given to the recent recommendations of the Price Control Advisory Committee. In yesterday's "Government Gazette" price control was removed from a number of items in the food-stuff list.

A Public Relations Office statement said that price control has been removed from corn-starch, tinned fish, jams and marmalades, hard canned meat, other than corned beef and sausages, canned soups, Oxo, and Vegetate.

This step is justified by the supply position, but it is nevertheless experimental. Government will have no hesitation in re-imposing control if unjustified price increases should result. The position will be carefully watched, added the statement.

The policy of simplifying the list by prescribing a maximum retail price for each category of goods instead of for each individual brand is followed for tinned butter, cooking oils and corned beef.

Other items are routine. One brand of margarine is up by 15 cents a pound; a brand of fresh ham is down by five cents; "Lactogen" is up; "Glaxo" is down and sweetened condensed milk is up from \$1.05 to \$1.10, partly due to the tinplate position.

Court Brevities

A fine of \$1,000 each was imposed on two men who stood before Mr. R. W. S. Winter at Kowloon yesterday charged with four offences.

The charges were: Possession of adulterated liquor; possession of distilling equipment; possession of fermenting material and distilling spirit without a valid licence.

An option of six months for each defendant was also imposed on Wong Kong, aged 30, and Cheong On.

The men were arrested after their premises, located in unknown parts of the New Territories, were raided by revenue officers acting on information.

The men were arrested on Wednesday.

Leslie John Frost, aged 20, RASC driver, appeared before Mr. H. H. Shing at Central yesterday charged with dangerous and careless driving.

Represented by Mr. G. Gaunter, defendant pleaded not guilty to both charges. Inspector J. Howarth conducted the case for the prosecution.

Defendant was alleged to have driven a motor ambulance in a dangerous manner on July 20 at Hennessy Road by knocking down and killing a Chinese man.

Hearing of the case was adjourned to October 17.

Pablo P. Bulabag, aged 26, a Filipino seaman, was sentenced to two weeks hard labour by Mr. J. Reynolds at Central yesterday.

Defendant was charged with entering the Colony without a permit, being absent from his ship and with being a vagrant.

He was also ordered to be sent away at the end of his sentence.

Defendant was a member of the crew of the ship. The ship left the Colony on September 23 and he did not leave by the ship. He made a report to the immigration officer on Thursday.

TORINA UNABLE TO ENTER AMOY

Patrolling gunboats of the Nationalist Navy enforcing the blockade of Communist ports along the China Coast prevented the British freighter Torina from reaching Amoy this week.

The British ship, which was carrying a cargo of port wine, was turned back by the Nationalist Navy when it noticed a naval craft ahead.

The Torina turned round her course and headed for the Colony. There was no further incident.

CHIMNEY FIRE IN HK CLUB

A fire broke out in the chimney of the Hong Kong Club about 3 p.m. yesterday as a result of a report of fire in the building. However, it turned out to be merely a chimney fire, which was quickly put out.

Squatter area to be cleared

Government has authorised the clearance of a big squatter area at North Point.

The area is bounded on the North East by an imaginary line drawn from the junction of Boat Street and King's Road to the South West boundaries of Island Lot 6030 and 6020, and projected to the 270-foot contour on the East by the 270-foot contour on the South by an imaginary line drawn from King's Road, along the South-east boundary of Island Lot 6100 and projected to the 270-foot contour; and on the West by King's Road.

Quarterly report of Fire Brigade

The Fire Brigade answered a total of 109 fire alarms during the three months ended on September 30, said the quarterly report of the Hong Kong Fire Brigade.

The total included 10 false alarms, four of which were given with good intent.

In the period under review, five persons were killed and five injured in fires before the arrival of the Fire Brigade.

There were no fires of a serious nature. The Brigade did not suffer any casualties.

The Brigade continued its activity in fire prevention. In this connection 1,804 inspections were carried out; 141 building plans were referred to the Department for comments.

The Brigade took out 102 summonses against offenders for breaches of the Dangerous Goods Ordinance No. 18 of 1932, the Gunpowder and Fireworks Ordinance No. 14 of 1901 and the Miscellaneous Licenses (Timber Stores) Ordinance No. 25 of 1932 resulting in fines amounting to \$27,465.00 being imposed and the confiscation of 150 gallons of kerosene, 990 gallons of diesel oil, 170 gallons of gasoline, 590 pounds of fireworks and seven pounds of yellow phosphorus.

To provide better fire-cover for the Peak District where some roads and bends are inaccessible to the Brigade's major fire appliances, a 15-cwt. lorry has been converted into a fire tender. This tender known as F.B. No. 11 is equipped with a Trailer Fire Pump and ancillary equipment and has proved to be an effective unit after extensive road and other tests.

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OUTING

The outing of the Hong Kong Photographic Society will take place this Sunday, October 15, at the residence of Dr. and Mrs. Ernest To. The outing was originally planned for Saturday, but, owing to Races on the day, had to be postponed.

Members are requested to meet at Queen's Pier on Sunday at 2.30 p.m.

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Classified Advertisements, accepted up to 5 p.m. for publication
the following days paper.

Replies for the Following Box Nos. are awaiting collection.

Replies will be forwarded to the Advertiser if requested on
the original form which should bear their names and addresses.

A suitable announcement will be inserted Free of Charge if
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Obtainable at all Leading Book
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NOTICE

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NOTICE EUROPEAN YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the European
Young Men's Christian Asso-
ciation, at which the Report of
the Board and the Statement
of Accounts for 1949/1950 will
be presented, will be held in
the West Lounge, at 6.00 p.m.
on MONDAY, October 23,
1950.

Tea will be served in the
West Lounge from 5.15 on-
wards.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY
GIVEN that an EXTRAOR-
DINARY GENERAL MEET-
ING will be held as soon as
the ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING shall conclude, for
the purpose of considering and
if thought fit of accepting the
new Revised Constitution of
the Association.

By Order of the Board
of Directors,
A. W. INGRAM,
General Secretary.

Y.M.C.A.,
Salisbury Road, Kowloon,
October 6, 1950.

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NORTH POINT WHARVES, LIMITED DELIVERY ORDERS

As from Monday, 16th October, 1950, we have opened
an Office at our North Point Godowns, to which direct appli-
cation should be made for delivery of cargo.

NOTICE THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB SPECIAL CASH SWEEP ON THE KWANGTUNG HANDICAP 1950.

The running of the above has been postponed until
Saturday, 14th instant. The sale of Cash Sweep tickets will
therefore continue until Friday, 13th October, when sales
will close at—

THE BRANCH OFFICES:—

382, Nathan Road—Kowloon
at 4 p.m. on Friday, 13th October, 1950.

5, D'Aguiar Street—Hong Kong
at 4 p.m. on Friday, 13th October, 1950.

THE TREASURERS' OFFICE—Telephone House,
at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 13th October, 1950.

The Draw will be held at the Public Pari-Mutuel Hall
the Race Course, at 11.30 a.m. on Saturday, 14th October,
1950.

By Order,
PEAT, MARWICK, MITCHELL & CO.,
Treasurers.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB EIGHTH RACE MEETING 1950.

The first day of the above advertised for Saturday, 7th
October, 1950, has been postponed until Saturday, 14th
October, 1950.

All previous arrangements as to Time and Entries to-
gether with Admission Tickets and Cash Sweep Tickets, in-
cluding Through Chances already booked will hold good for
that date.

The second day of the Meeting will be held as adver-
tised on Monday, 9th October, 1950.

DECLARATIONS

Owners are notified that all starting declarations for
Saturday, 7th October, 1950, are cancelled. Ponies starting
on Saturday, 14th October, 1950, will require to be declared
in the usual manner.

KWANGTUNG HANDICAP

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By Order,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.

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and genuine value furnished to be taken
over.)

Bao Dai's faith in Vietnam

Cannes, Oct-ber 11.
Ex-Emperor Bao Dai, head of
the State of Vietnam, said here
today that he will return to his
country without delay.

He expressed the "unshakable
faith of Vietnam in its future."
Bao Dai's formal announcement
did not indicate when he would
leave but his personal plane has
been standing by for some time
on Cannes Airfield.

The announcement said: "At
the opening of the Pau Con-
ference, which was to complete
the structure of the independent
States of Vietnam, Cambodia and
Laos, I stated that it was my duty
to be present where essential de-
cisions, concerning my country
were being made."

The Conference at Pau, South
Western France, has been going
on for several months.

"In agreement with this pro-
posal, which had always guided
my actions, I have now decided
to return without delay to Viet-
nam, which has become the seat
of events liable to threaten inter-
national peace and security," the
announcement said.

"In view of the days to come,
which may be heavy with conse-
quences, I intend to give the com-
fort of my presence to my coun-
trymen whose hopes and fears I
share.

"Confident in the aid of friend-
ly and associated states and in the
solidarity between the free na-
tions, full of unshakable faith in
its own future, Vietnam is con-
vinced that it will be able to
pursue in peace the realisation of
its destiny."—Reuter.

NY Giants on buying spree

New York, October 12.
Sensing a pennant in 1951
if they strengthen themselves
just a little more, the New
York Giants got the jump on
other big league clubs in the
trading days today by closing
what they described as a
"\$1,000 to \$5,000 deal" with
Oakland of the Pacific Coast
League.

The Giants picked up two more
Negro stars, Cuban catcher Rafael
Noble who batted .316 at Oakland
last season, and shortstop Arlie
Wilson who was a .306 hitter. In
addition, they obtained an ex-
American League pitcher, Allen
Gettel, right hander who won
23 games and lost but seven.

In exchange for these three
players who paced the Oaks to
the Coast League pennant, the
Giants gave up four men from
their Minneapolis farm club of
the American Association. Three
of them had previous big league
experience with the Giants. They
were outfielders Bert Haas, who
has played with the Reds, Dodgers
and the Phillies, and Joey Lafata
and pitcher Bill Ayers who won
briefly with the Giants.—United
Press.

Boy "Tarzan" reported from Spain

Madrid, October 12.
A boy "Tarzan" who has hair
down to his waist and growls
like a dog is being cared for by
a nun at the Orseno, Galicia.
Orphanage, according to the
weekly Madrid newspaper,
"Fotos."

Quoting an interview with the
nun, Sister Josefine, Fotos said
that the boy was found wandering
and famished near Orseno. He
was taken to the orphanage,
escaped, but was found again
hiding in an empty railway wagon
and returned to the institution.

Sister Josefine was quoted as
saying:

"He is a boy of 14 or 15,
intelligent, but terrified of every-
thing he does not know."

"He does not speak at all, but
when with the other children
here he makes a sort of growl,
a sort of 'grrrr.' But he is
not deaf or dumb because I teach
him phrases and he repeats them
after me although pronouncing
the words with difficulty."

"He is very hungry and he
would go on eating all day if we
let him. He always has a piece
of bread in his hand. He appears
to be amused by the sight of the
other children playing but he
does not say anything."

The boy is being taught to use
such amenities of civilized life as
knives and forks and toilets.—
Reuter.

STRANGE JEWISH TRIAL

New York, October 11.
A three-man tribunal here,
acting under ancient Jewish
custom and without any pre-
sent-day legal standing, has
heard the story of a five-year-
old slaying in a German con-
centration camp.

The "accused"—who said he
had listened to the hearing—was
Meyer Mittleman, aged 31. He is
a leader of synagogue services
though not a Rabbi, and kills
chicken in accordance with Jewish
dietary ritual.

Last June Mittleman was ac-
cused of being a murderer by
Benjamin Krieger, aged 42, who
happened to see him passing his
fish shop in Brooklyn. Krieger's
claim: "That is the man who killed
my brother" brought a crowd that
chased the frightened Mittleman
into a bookshop.

The fish dealer said that Mittel-
man had struck his elder brother,
Berman, in the Mulhendorf camp,
Germany, in 1945. His brother,
he said, died three days later.

The authorities here took no
action, saying that they had no
jurisdiction over what had hap-
pened in Germany five years
before. But Krieger insisted on
justice to settle the issue in the
Jewish community.

The American Jewish Congress
proposed the tribunal to make an
objective appraisal and the parties
agreed. The tribunal follows an
ancient custom for settling local
disputes in Jewish communities.
It will later inform the commu-
nity of its decision.—Reuter.

ANOTHER AUSTRIAN PROTEST NOTE

Vienna, October 11.
The Austrian Cabinet decided
today to send a new protest note
to the Russian High Commis-
sioner, complaining of continued
Russian interference in Austria's
internal affairs.

The Austrian Chancellor, Dr.
Leopold Figl, told the Cabinet
that Russian authorities had in-
terfered to prevent the dismissal
and trial of people involved in
illegal acts during the recent
strikes.—Reuters.

BARANGAY GROUPS FORMED IN PI

Manila, October 11.
All provinces in Luzon, except
Batangas, are organising bar-
angay associations in furtherance
of the Government's programme
to utilize these civic groups to
help maintain peace and order.

A report on the progress being
made in the nationwide barangay
programme was given by the
Interior Undersecretary, Mr.
Nicanor Roxas, chairman of the
Barangay Advisory Board, at a
meeting held in the City Hall.
Mr. Roxas said that, in view
of the enthusiastic response from
the provinces, organization of
civic groups was expected to be
completed within 60 days.—
Press.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS NINTH RACE MEETING Saturday, 21st October, 1950

There are ten races, the First Race will be rung at 1.30 p.m.
and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the
Comptroller's Office of the Treasurers, 1st Floor, Telephone House,
also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race.

To avoid congestion at the Club's Offices at Telephone House,
non-members are requested to purchase their sweep tickets at the
Club's Branch Offices at—

5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong.

or
882, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE
Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies
MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the
Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO
THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting ladies not in possession of Brooches or
Season tickets and gentlemen, non-members of the Club, to the
Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax,
for ladies or gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the
written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be
responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment
of all club etc.

Badges admitting to Members Enclosure will NOT be on sale
at the RACE COURSE.

The Branch offices and the Treasurers' Comptroller's Office will
close at 11.00 a.m., and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. The
Treasurers' Comptroller's Office and the Secretary's Office are
situated at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tifins will be obtainable at the Club
House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy
(Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S
PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.00 includ-
ing tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.
at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIC TAG MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PER-
MITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE
HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.
MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN
THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to private box holders only, who
are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse
their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not per-
mitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on
their duties and must remain in their employers' stands.

BY ORDER,
S. A. SLEAP,
Secretary.



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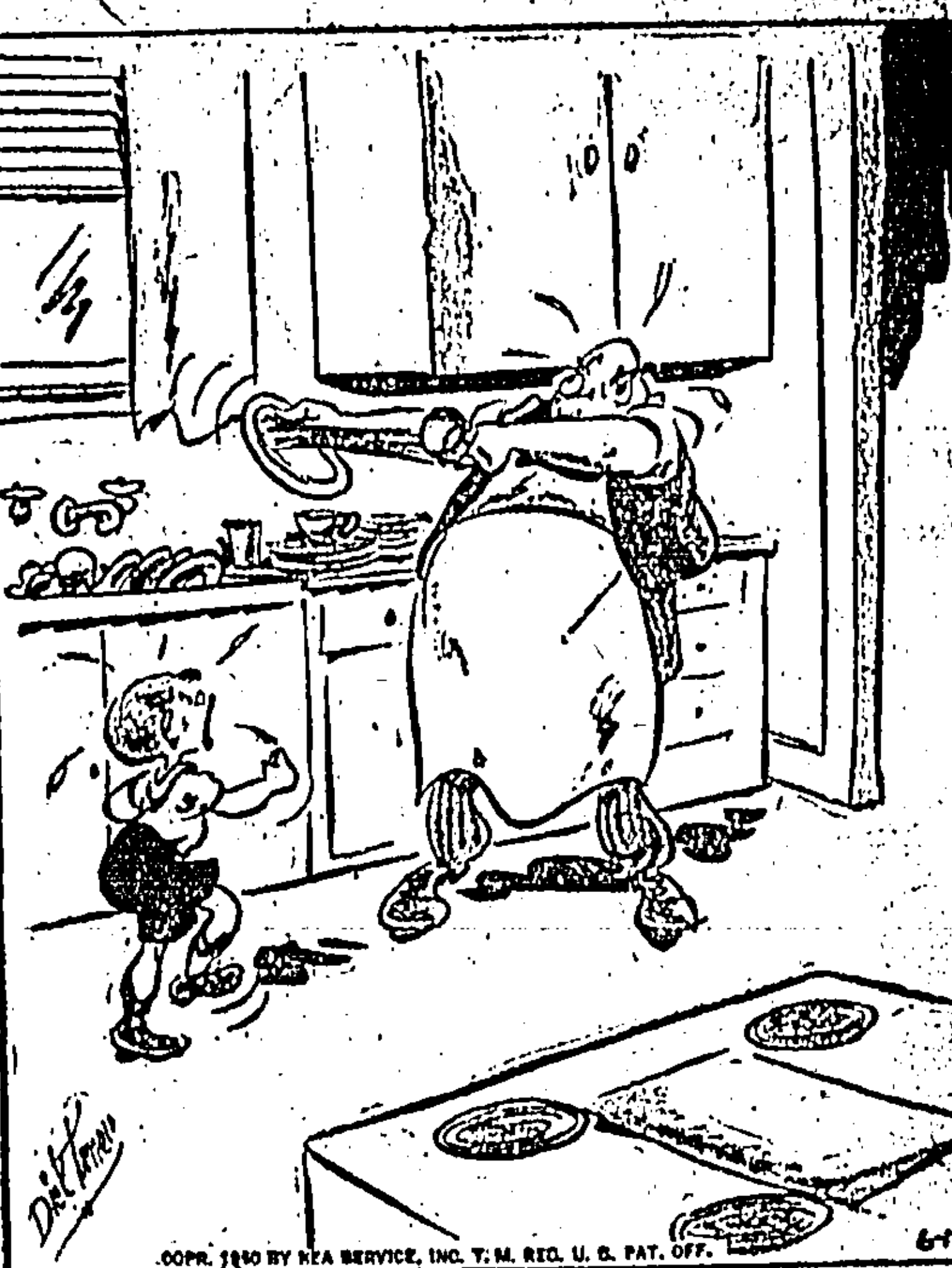
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BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
The Authority on All Things
Bridge

COUNTING YOUR LOSERS

ONE MENTAL process which
the efficient declarer must apply
to assure successful performance
at many suit contracts is the
counting of losers in the "mas-
ter hand," which usually is his
own. If he finds there too many
sure and possible losers, he must
survey the several available
means of reducing them. When
he has found what appears the
best means of eliminating enough,
then he proceeds with operation
of his plan.

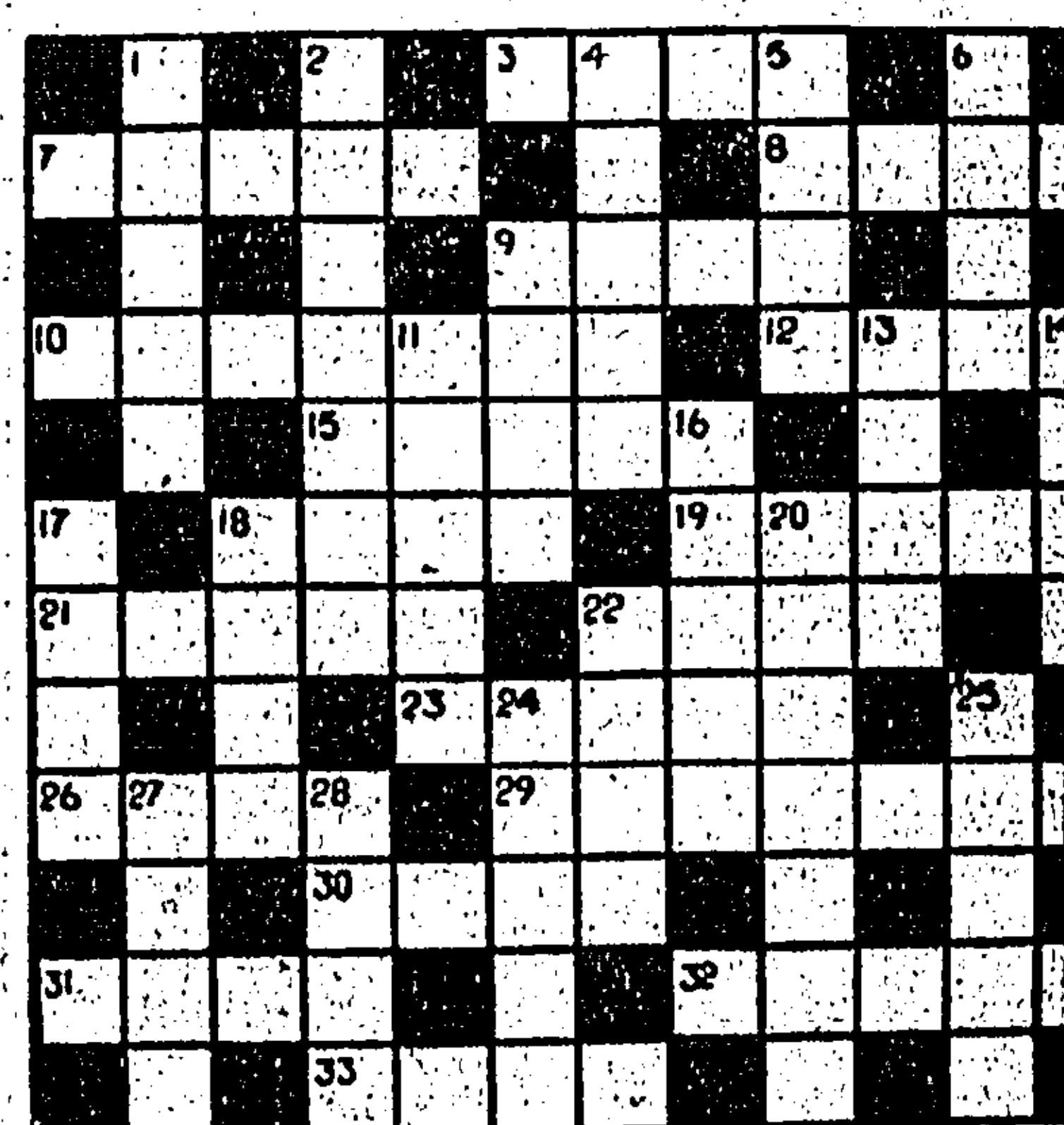
Seeking this contract, after the
club K lead, Sally Jones counts
one loser in clubs and two pos-
sible in diamonds, total three
which must be reduced to no
more than one. So she wins
with the club A; eliminates
trumps, which might have re-
quired four rounds, but does not
only two; discards the losing club
on the second high heart, then
finishes the diamond Q, scores the
diamond A, ruffs the 3 with the
spade 6, returns by ruffing the
heart 7 with the spade 4, ruffs
the diamond 9 with the spade Q,
eliminating the diamond K, ruffs
the club 2 with the spade 8 and
scores the last two tricks with
the spade J and diamond J. She
has all thirteen tricks. One of
more of the good breaks she go-
could have failed, with the con-
tract still absolutely safe.

S Q 5 5 3
H A K 9 7
D 7 6
C A 4 2
S 7 2
H Q J 10 5
D K 10 8
C 4
S A K J 8 4
H 6
D A Q J 9 3
C 5 3
South. Vulnerability

(Dealer: not stated)
South West North East
1 S Pass 3 S Pass
4 D Pass 4 H Pass
5 S Pass 6 C Pass
6 S

Your Weekend Question
If you hold the A-Q-J-3 of
side suit opposite a low singleton
while playing at a trump con-
tract, under what circumstance
should you take a natural finesse
leading toward the honours,
under what conditions should
reverse that, scoring the ace
then leading the queen, prepare
either to ruff or to send it
through?

A BRITISH CROSS WORD PUZZLE



Across

3 Whirl. 21 Harden.
7 Giant. 22 Bearing.
8 Uniform. 23 Dehydrated.
9 Embrake. 26 Worry.
10 Remainder. 29 Advent.
12 Try. 30 Beverage.
18 Trunk. 31 Needle-case.
19 Expectation. 32 Buccolic.
20 Sober. 33 Expanded.

Down

1 Mature. 17 Quarrel.
2 Doorkeeper. 18 Enormous.
4 Hens. 20 Wearisome.
5 Clever. 22 Mud.
6 Implores. 24 Rank.
9 Chaste. 25 Hackneyed.
11 Drugged. 27 List.
13 Impetuously. 28 Small.
14 Bother. 29 Branch.
16 Willow.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1 Strait, 7 Raid, 9
Slang, 10 Idol, 11 Moke, 13
Regulation, 14 Taut, 15 Wife, 16
Interfered, 22 Land, 24 Ralse, 25
Probe, 26 Kilo, 27 Talent.

DOWN—2 Trump, 3 Augur, 4
Thief, 5 Promises, 6 Risk, 8
Along, 12 Error, 13 Rowel, 14
Amending, 17 Final, 18 Desert,
20 Expat, 21 Thorn, 22 Aid.

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AIR-CONDITIONED
SHOWING TODAY at 2.30, 5.15, 7.20 & 9.30 p.m.
EXTRA PERFORMANCE TOMORROW
At 11.30 A.M.

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"BASKETBALL HEADLINERS OF 1950"
Introducing the Latest Techniques in Basketball
And Latest Universal-International Newsreel
TO ALL PARENTS IN HONGKONG

The Management of the King's Theatre and KRO-Radio Pictures of Hongkong, sincerely contend that you owe it to your children to see Walt Disney's "Cinderella," which, being both educational and emotional, will bring tears and laughter to them.

We take pleasure to suggest that taking the opportunity of this week-end holidays, every affectionate parent should bring along his children to see this wonderful lengthy color-cartoon.

We extend to you, and all your children, our hearty welcome.

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hangman's
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Based upon the novel by RAFFAEL SABATINI
Directed by GORDON DOUGLAS—Produced by HARRY JOE BROWN

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ROXY: Tomorrow
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A Variety Programme
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AT REDUCED PRICES

BROADWAY: Tomorrow
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A Selected Programme
"Technicolor Cartoons"
From Two Leading Studios:
20th Century-Fox
& Warner Bros.
100 Minutes Of
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OPTIMISTIC MOOD IN SPAIN NOTICEABLE

Madrid, October 12.

Spain is entering the autumn in an optimistic mood. The United States Congress vote by substantial majorities, of a loan of \$62,500,000 (about £21,000,000) for Spain has played an important part in this, by injecting an optimistic tendency into the business world. The invitation of the United States military authorities to Spanish ground and air officers to attend the "Rainbow" manoeuvres in Occupied Germany also strengthened the feeling that the isolation of Spain is becoming less marked each day.

Editorials in several British newspapers, formerly sharply critical of Spain, recommending that full diplomatic relations be restored between Britain and Spain have likewise tended to emphasise the optimistic note.

The invasion of foreign tourists, who, up to the end of July, totalled 230,000 as compared with 300,000 for the whole of 1949, filled hotels and brought considerable trade to the shops of the major cities. And these totals do not include the considerable numbers of tourists making day trips across the frontier in the Biarritz-San Sebastian and other areas.

All holiday resorts reported an excellent summer, both as regards home and foreign visitors, and definitely much better than that of 1949, in spite of the shadow cast over the international situation by events in Korea. Some commentators indeed think that possibly this crisis worked the other way round; that is to say, that it pushed people to spend rather than to save when faced with such an uncertain future.

Be that as it may, certainly Spaniards of all classes have spent much more this summer than in the last couple of summers.

Wage rises

Extensive wage and salary increases in recent months certainly contributed to this. Miners, railwaymen, bank employees, building workers, and newspapermen, are among the many categories of employees who have had substantial increases awarded them by the Ministry of Labour decision following negotiations between workers and employers.

In Spain, strikes are prohibited. Negotiations between employer and employee take place under Government supervision. If agreement is not reached, a Labour Ministry ruling is the final word and is binding on both sides.

These wage increases have come at a time when, although prices of manufactured goods are tending to rise, food prices on the whole are stable and in some cases lower than in previous months.

But the policy of general wage increases is tied up with the policy of fixing the industry of price controls and, presumably, working towards a stabilisation of the peseta on a realistic basis. This would eliminate the need for the multiple exchange rate system by which the peseta has at least 30 different official rates, ranging from 30 to £1 (11 pesetas to the U.S. dollar), to the tourist trade rate of 110 pesetas to £1 (40 pesetas to the U.S. dollar), while the "free" rate in the few European cities such as Lisbon and, in Africa, Tangier, quote the peseta at around 140 to £1 (almost 50 pesetas to the U.S. dollar).

Many materials, such as coal, milk, vegetables, fish, which formerly had price limits are now "free." In some cases, prices have soared.

Wheat is being partly freed. Farmers this year will have to supply to the Government a fixed quota of about 70 per cent., although there is some variation according to region. The other 30 per cent. they can sell for what they can get.

"Wheat bait"

They get 2.50 pesetas for quota wheat and are asking six pesetas for "free" wheat. But this bait will bring back into the regular market the wheat which up to now has been disappearing into the "black market." From some points of view, this was not so bad because it helped to feed the people anyway, but in equal proportions it was also going to feed cattle, which took it right out of circulation as regards providing the people with bread. Belatedly, but on her own feet and with no "Marshall" crutches to help her in her convalescence, Spain is getting out of the wood of economic ills resulting from civil war, followed by World War II.

As Madrid's chief financial weekly, "Economista," somewhat ambiguously but quite truthfully wrote recently: "Without Marshall Aid we have doubled electricity production in the last few years. Can any of the nations helped by the United States show a better record?" This recovery is attributed by many commentators to Spain's faith in free enterprise. General Franco has never liked nationalisation and, except for the fusion of some 80 railroads into one big State Railway company, no key industry in Spain has been taken over by the State. Apart from the railways, which were in such a condition after the civil war with one-third of their material virtually wrecked

and the other two-thirds in a state of virtual disintegration that private enterprise had no interest in resuming control, and from some 30 concerns totally or partially owned by the State-controlled National Industrial Institute, the rest of Spain's commercial life is in the hands of private ownership.

The short supply of most basic articles has brought in a wide range of price controls and controls on imports and exports. The first are now being in large part removed, but the others are likely to remain until such time as the quantity of credits or foreign currency available to Spain bears some relation to Spain's needs.

At present, figures reveal, for instance, 40,000 applications for the import of heavy motor vehicles but an actual import figure of something like 2,000 such vehicles each year. Until this and a large number of similar unbalances are remedied it would be useless to hope for uncontrolled imports.

Huge fortunes

The Spanish civil war gave a punch and zest to Spain's small trading classes such as they have not seen in centuries. A number of huge fortunes have been created here in these last 10 years.

Pedro Barrio de la Maza, the Galician financier, for example, has in a few years built up a business empire which he controls and which is estimated at about \$5,000,000,000 (£1,450,000,000 or US\$120,000,000). Idefonso G. Fierro, 68-year-old head of the Banco Iberico and linked with a dozen of the great enterprises of Spain, is another of the new financial "giants" who have sprung up in recent years in Spain.

Demetrio Carceller, who rose from a workman in the Catalan town of Tarrasa to the leading position in Spain's petroleum world, is another of the men who have forged ahead in the aftermath of the civil war.

According to a survey of Spanish industry made by a Foreign investigating body, 35,000 new industries, mainly small, were set up in Spain between 1939 and 1950. Spain's own official figures are too lagged and belated to enable one to check these figures.

Statistics continue to be a weak point of Spanish administration. But there can be no doubt that the increase in Spanish industry has been very large over the last decade and that this increase has been kept down by the lack of electric power and other fuels to permit putting into operation industrial plants long languishing in the blue-print stage owing to insufficient power facilities.

The trouble of feudal-agrarian nations which have to try to complete in decades modernisations which have been done over centuries in other lands, is that whatever progress they make it always looks small compared with the needs.

Spain is an exception to this rule. But it is of interest that she, along with Portugal, Greece and Turkey, forms part of a small group of agrarian lands trying to solve the problem by predominantly private enterprise methods—in contrast to so many lands with similar problems, such as Russia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Poland, China and others, which have chosen, or had imposed upon them, the Communist system in seeking their solution of this problem.—Reuter.

SWEDEN PROBES MOTOR FAILURES

Stockholm, October 11. Sweden's security police today began to investigate whether recent cases of motor failure in Air Force aircraft lately are due to sabotage.

Four suspicious cases have occurred in the past eight weeks at a Central Swedish airfield. In three of them, fighter pilots had to make forced landings after their motors had cut out unexpectedly. In the fourth—a bomber—both engines failed as it was taking off.

One of the three fighter pilots making forced landings was killed.

Small pieces of metal, believed to come from a spanner, were found inside the engine of his aircraft.—Reuter.

REDS SEND CABLE TO WORLD BANK

Washington, October 11. The World Bank said on Tuesday that it has received a cable from the Chinese Communist regime in Peking, formally laying claim to all membership rights and interests in the organisation now held by the Nationalist government.

The bank said it knew the cable under conditions which made it impossible to verify its authenticity.

The harvest of labour is sweet

San Francisco, October 11. Peasants in Manchuria and five North China provinces are today reaping the harvest of hard work.

They have in the past year toiled to make their cotton and grain fields richer, more productive.

They have succeeded and one result is that they now have a lot of money in their pockets. They are using it to buy themselves new clothes and more draught animals and farm implements in readiness for the autumn harvest.

These points were covered by Peking Radio in a broadcast today which said that the amount of wheat produced in Manchuria alone totalled 480,000 tons—40 per cent. more than the highest record achieved by the Japanese during their period of occupation in 1943.

The North China cotton harvest had already reached the pre-war level of 390,000 tons a year, the broadcast said.

More women had been working on the land and this plus the scientific division of labour in what is called "mutual aid teams" had contributed to this year's increase in Northern agricultural production, the Radio reported.—Reuter.

Winnie calls for united Europe

Copenhagen, October 11.

Mr. Winston Churchill said here tonight that a united Europe was one of the indispensable pillars of world peace. He said, "The cause of Europe is the cause of world progress and freedom."

"The battle which the United States, with our support, is fighting in Korea under the authority of the United Nations is as much the battle of Europe as it is being fought out here in our towns and countryside."

Mr. Churchill was speaking at a big meeting here following the climax of his three days' visit to Denmark as the guest of the Danish King and Queen.

Mr. Churchill spoke before an audience of 5,000. The speech was being broadcast.

In a draft of his speech prepared for delivery, he said, "All the greatest things are simple, and many can be expressed in a single word: freedom, justice, honour, duty, mercy, hope."

"We who have come together here tonight, we also can express our purpose in a single word—Europe."

"But what is Europe now? It is a rubble heap, a charnel-house, a breeding ground of pestilence and hate."

"And ancient nationalistic feuds and modern ideological factions distract and infuriate the unhappy, hungry populations."

"Evil teachers urge the paying-off of old scores with mathematical precision, and false guides point to unending redistribution as the pathways to prosperity."

"If the people of Europe resolve to come together and work together for mutual advantage, to exchange blessings instead of curses, they still have it in their power to sweep away the horrors and miseries which surround them and to allow the streams of freedom, happiness and abundance to begin again their healing flow."—Reuter.

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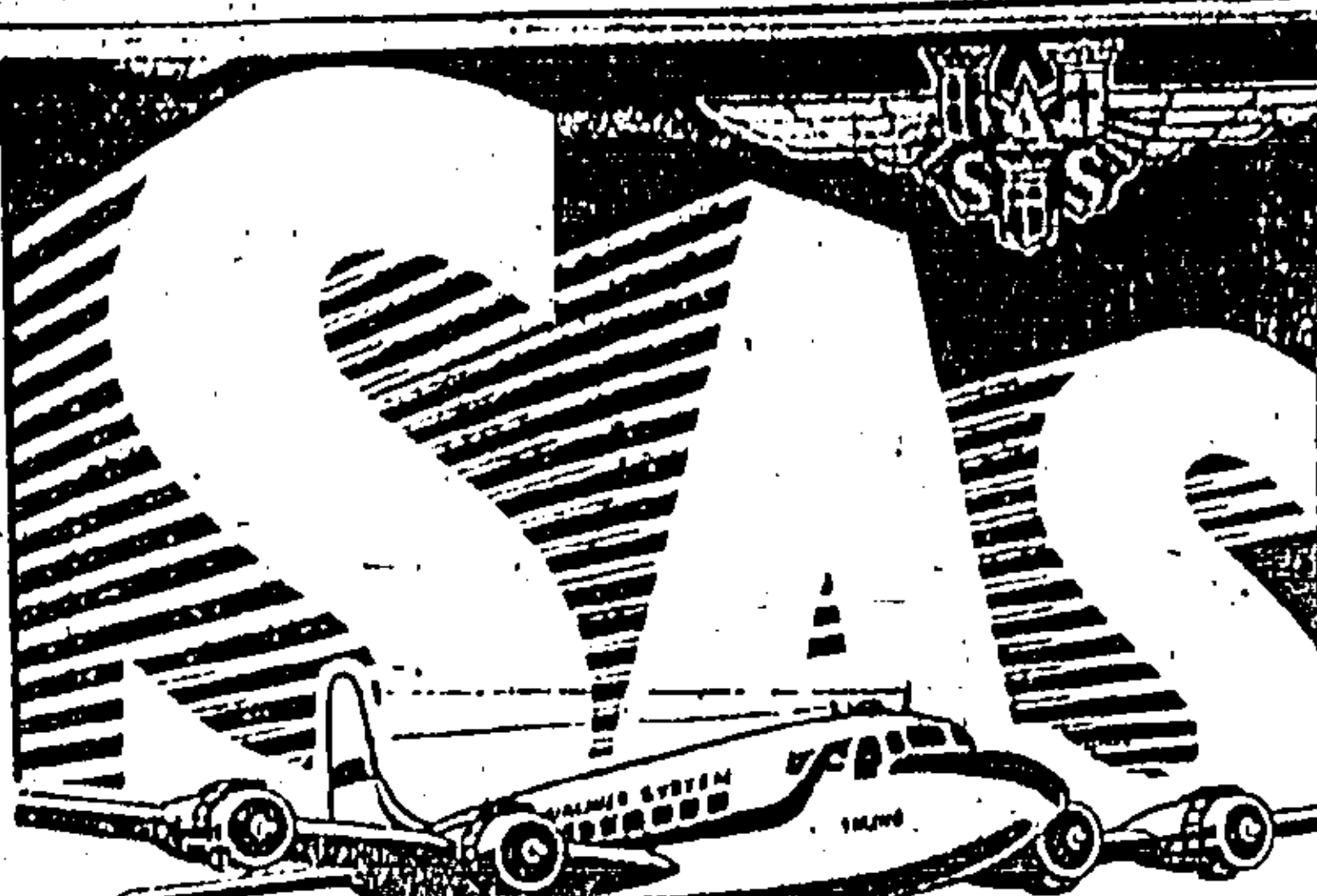
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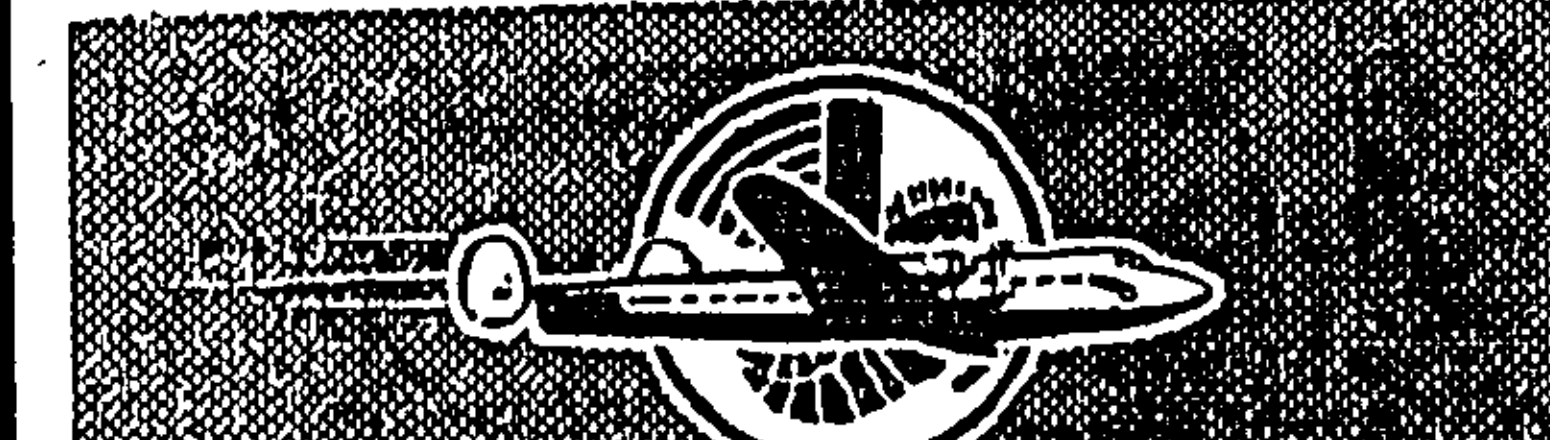
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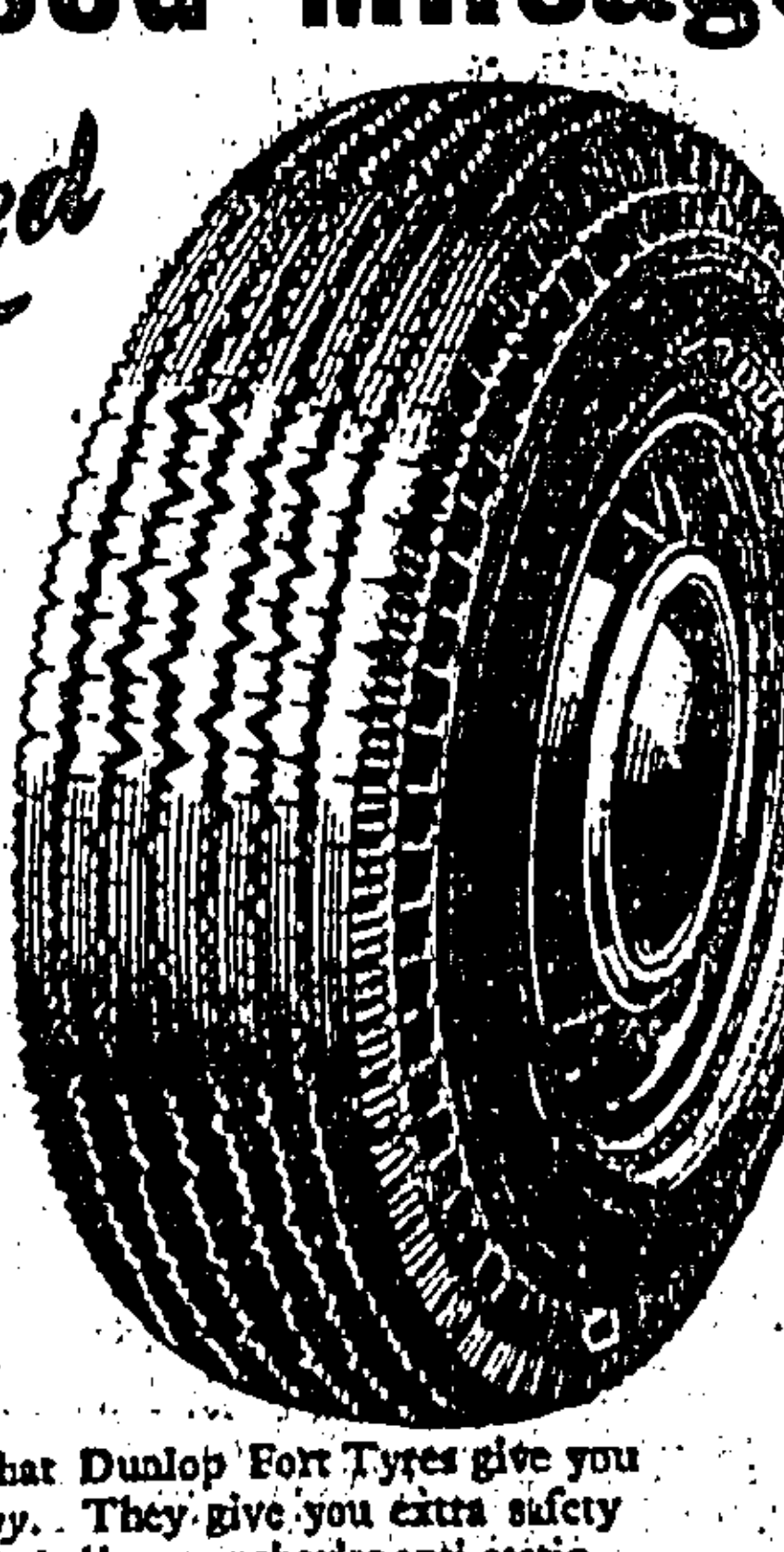
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FIVE IN ONE

Honest and efficient Governments do not have to organise an economic revolution in order to stabilise currency and prices. Controls within the framework of the system accomplish this with a minimum of disturbance. It is interesting to note that the Peking Government attributes its revolutionary economic changes not to Marxism but to sheer necessity. No dramatic inferences on the score of deviationism or potential apostasy need be taken from this. There is merely a certain shyness in regard to any departure from the line laid down in the Common Programme, the agreed basis of the People's Government's policy.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen's lectures on the Three Principles passed into the realm of mumbo-jumbo when they dealt with economics, which he didn't even pretend to understand. Much of this confusion characterised the opening article of the chapter on Economic Policy in the Common Programme. This stipulated that the State "shall co-ordinate and regulate a State-owned economy, co-operative economy, individual economy of peasants and handicraftsmen, private capitalist economy, and State-Capitalist economy... so that all components of the social economy can play their part and effect a division of work and co-operate under the leadership of the State-owned economy to promote the development of the entire social economy."

Obviously in the heated preparatory meetings of the Communists and the splinter groups before the first conference of the People's Consultative Council, each group contributed its own quota to this remarkable medley. Economic policy was to be a bit of everything—a mixed economy in every sense of the term rather than an ironbound system. What happened afterward is interpreted not in terms of a strong-arm coup by the red-hot Communists, but a simple exercise in plain and unvarnished necessity. Four separate and alarming jumps in prices and slumps in currency occurred soon after the new regime began to function. These were due, so the Peking statement a few days ago said, to a Budgetary deficit of two-thirds. It was decided to reduce this to 18.7 per cent, but it was discovered that this could not be done without centralising the control of finance and economy.

The National Conference in February last accordingly decided on these measures, which was "a turning-point in China's economic history." Centralisation began in March, "with startling effects." They certainly were. Economic activity was brought to an ominous standstill—except for the harsh exactions from land and industry alike, and the menacing inroads of the new bureaucracy almost as far down the line as the petty retailer. The crisis, and the fury, created by this sudden emergence of the State as a veritable monster of rapacity, led to a swift modification of policy a few months later. But in between an achievement was effected which is certainly the most remarkable in the annals of the Republic. Inflation was conquered. It had attained hideous proportions under the former regime, whose unconnection with

SUBSTITUTE WANTED FOR THE GOLDEN FLEECE

The wool sales have started in Australia. Buyers from all over the world are scrambling for a share of the enormous crop—a quarter of the world's wool.

With supplies nowhere near enough to meet demand, prices are soaring, and the wool growers are making money fast. But there's a cloud appearing on the horizon. "Down under," a cloud that has drifted in partly from Britain, and it has Australian leaders worried. This cloud is artificial wool: and it is casting quite a shadow.

In the past few years wool has become the Golden Fleece. Where it sold for £15 a bale before the war it is now fetching over £100. And, with rearmament drives in the offing, the position is getting worse.

To Britons wool is the basis of a great industry. Their woollen goods are paying for many things they buy from the rest of the world. They need a steady supply of raw material for the Yorkshire mills, and with wool fabulously expensive and in short supply, things are becoming difficult.

A challenge

This situation is a stimulus and a challenge to our scientists. We have had shortages and rocketing prices before. And, always, people turn to the men of science and say: "Is there nothing you can do to help?" The answer is very definitely "Yes." During the past 10 years science has shown us how to

make synthetic fibres in Britain. Some day, probably not far distant, we shall be making fibres that can do the jobs that wool does—and making them cheaply and efficiently in our factories. Turning grass into wool by putting it through the sheep's

Dr. J. GORDON COOK
tells of plans to beat the soaring price of wool

digestive system is a tedious and expensive process. We are finding easier ways of making wool-like fibres in our laboratories. Since 1939, when nylon came on the market, textile scientists have been working at fever pitch to find new synthetic fibres. The most attractive target has been something that would challenge wool.

Nylon does not. It is a smooth, sleek fibre competing with silk, and its discovery dealt an almost mortal blow at the silk-producing industry. Announcing that British and American research chemists are "perilously close" to perfecting an artificial wool, Professor T. G. Hunter, of Sydney University, recently warned Australian growers that it would be "every bit as good as the natural thing."

To Australia, with an economy built largely on wool, these words are ominous words indeed. They are as important to the wool grower in a different way. This is an industrial country that lives by

what it makes. Maybe before long we'll be making artificial wool.

It is difficult

To the textile scientist, wool is a difficult problem. It is a protein fibre, made from the same sort of stuff as skin, or flesh, or muscle. Proteins are the most complex of all chemicals, and the most difficult to deal with. There is not much chance of being able to make them from such simple things as coal. Not yet.

But our chemists have started from a different angle in their search for wool-like fibres. They have spun fibres from other types of natural protein which are more readily available than wool. For example, the proteins in skimmed milk, or chicken feathers, soyabean or, yes, here they come again—groundnuts.

Not identical

By using a bit of modern chemical magic they have turned these things into fibres. And being protein fibres they are similar in many respects to wool. As yet we are very far from making an artificial fibre identical with wool. Nearest approach is probably the fibre made from groundnut protein. Nobody has been told very much about it yet, but it is definitely beyond the experimental stage. "Ardil," as this groundnut fibre is called, is a British discovery. A £2,000,000 plant is being built in Dumfries to manufacture 10,000 tons a year.

Not much against the 2,000,000 tons or so of wool that we use every year. But a straw in the wind to anyone whose job is in textiles.

FAR-FETCHED FABLES

By **George Schwartz**

unism, the copy-right of which has been thrown into the public domain by its generous devisers. All that Mr. Shaw asks is that we should acknowledge the facts with due acknowledgment to the authors and to the discomfiture of bogus claimants labelling themselves freedom and private enterprise.

Now this trick of cashing in on earlier labours and achievements is one of the oldest in the world. It goes back to Methuselah. The night before Mr. Shaw's letter appeared I came across a 2,000-year-old reference to it, and I must be forgiven for giving a display of chance erudition.

Seneca enim quod post mortem adiacent est, id rem totam videtur trahere (Livy xxi, 45). "For the last strike to a business always seems to get the credit for the whole performance."

You know the fellow who comes along after you have sweated for an hour loosening the nuts of a wheel with a punctured tyre. "Here, let me have a go at it," and he gives the final turns. "It's a knack," he says, "no need to make heavy weather of these things." You look longingly at the spanner, and weigh the chances of a justifiable homicide verdict.

Revolutionist's handout

So the clearing up of the Seven Dials was all the work of British Communism? For all we have are, we owe to the original founders who wrote the Constitution in 1889. We shall have to revise our festivals and commemoration days.

At the British Association meeting which opened last week the president of the engineering section took as the main theme of his presidential address the opening 100 years ago of the Britannia Tubular Bridge across the Menai Straits. The professor seemed to have laid the wrong emphasis on the matter, for he spent some time in paying a tribute to what was described as Stephenson's magnificent, constitutional achievement. The important point is not the construction of the primitive affair but the fact that it is still in position today underpinned by British Communism. It was presumably this "wrong" approach which led the professor to say that the courage and audacity required today were exactly the same as were displayed in that enterprise 100 years ago: "Devotionism and heroism!"

There was another centenary celebration last week. An exhibition illustrating "A Hundred Years of Submarine Telegraph Cables" was opened in South Kensington by a Socialist Minister, and I am happy to report that British Communism, with its message right round the world and not its lack in the second round, was the exception of a small number of cables in Germany and Japan, the whole of the 100 million miles of submarine cable that have been laid in the world

up to date has been produced in Britain. As Mr. Shaw suggests, there is an advertisement in this for somebody.

I have the impression that under free and private enterprise this country built up a powerful economy which today, in spite of two shattering wars, provides benefits, some of them administered collectively, cutting for a tribute extending much further back than the 1890s and the impact of Mr. Shaw on the St. Pancras Borough Council.

The admirable Bashvilles

Not only a sense of history but a sense of proportion, to say nothing of decency, is required on these issues. For there is a sombre side to this matter. Mr. Shaw blithely describes how Lenin, after a preliminary disavowal of Fabianism, had been brought to his senses and the New Economic Policy had implemented.

He perished! His head was staved in with an ice-pick, and even in the Seven Dials of the 1890s that would have been bloody murder. Today Communist Socialists of the old school, apostles of gradualism as made constitutional and practicable by Shaw, Webb, and the fellow Fabians, are being sent to the execution chamber.

The weekly organ of Fabian Socialism regularly sheds an embarrassed tear over them. "Alas, poor Kalandra, Kethly, etc. etc. Best-known and most beloved of European Socialists. We knew them well." Grim stuff to keep in standing type.

Somehow the system of freedom and private enterprise managed to function without these purges of expense and dirt cheap. It provided a rapidly growing population with a rising standard of living, while allowing its open critics to reach the ripe age of 94. Advertiser, Advertiser, councils Mr. Shaw. Herewith a prompt insertion.

Coal miners to get wage boost

London, October 12. British coal miners today learned that they are to get another £3,500,000 a year in wages.

This decision follows three weeks after the grant to agricultural workers of a £5 weekly minimum at an estimated annual cost of £11 million. The leaders of engineering and shipbuilding workers who are claiming another £20 million weekly, today ejected an angry offer of £1.1 million for skilled men and eight shillings for unskilled labour. School teachers, the most militant of the "black coated workers" who have lodged wage claims, believe that they will be given rises within the next few weeks. The period of severe restraint on applications for wage increases ended by decisions by the eight-million strong Trade Union Congress last month, and the Labour Party this month that wages may be allowed to rise.

Land of the midnight sun

To the West stretches the expanse of the North Atlantic with the jagged peaks of the Lofoten Islands poised like crazy battlements. To the East are the pearly grey headwaters of the Gulf of Bothnia. Come on now, be grateful!

Two thousand feet below I spot an arc of white teeth stretching along either side of the Swedish

iron ore railway, which is the most Northerly electrified line in the world, outside Russia.

I am told that the native nomad Lapps are busy giving the summer coat of white paint to this dogtooth demarcation line, which is said to mark the Arctic Circle right round the globe. I am, in fact, two thirds of the way from the Equator to the North Pole.

Through the port-hole in my Scandinavian DCU aircraft the sun is dazzling. I have to shield my eyes to read the map. Yet it is midnight.

I am on the first commercial flight to the land of the Midnight Sun, where brown bear, elk, lynx, wolverine, ptarmigan and golden eagle live undisturbed by modern man or civilisation.

For those ignorant of Scandinavian geography I should mention that we have flown over a broad waterway—Lake Torne, which forms the border between the free Western world and the semi-Russo-dominated outpost of Finland at its northern extremities.

Lake Torne also forms one of the watercourses which run almost due South in Sweden and thus enable the Swedes (unlike the Russians, whose great rivers flow North) to supply Britain and other countries with vast quantities of wood pulp, sawn timber for building, pit props for mining, wallboard for interior decoration and innumerable by-products.

Fascinating sight

From the air it is fascinating to watch masses of logs being guided downstream by barriers (at bends) and rapids towards the sawmills and papermills on the coast.

The flight introduced me and my fellow passengers to many interesting places: though the introductions were made at a distance, of course.

We saw below Abisko, the famous Swedish Lapland tourist station, where the great hotel will be rebuilt next year on its burned-out foundations.

Like the Lapland, at Riksgården, on the Swedish-Norwegian border, Abisko is one of the few places in Europe where one can sit in a bathing costume in May and June.

Pajala recalls the Boden defence line, stretching from Finland to Norway in camouflaged depth, where the Swedes would make their last stand against a Russian land invasion, and which air-pilots are forbidden to photograph.

Most fascinating of all inhabited places in Lapland is Kiruna where more than 10,000,000 tons of the world's highest grade iron ore are quarried annually, from two great rents in twin mountains.

The ore is sent by rail straight down to Narvik Fjord for crushing and shipment to Britain, Europe and the U.S.A.

Changing climate

One competitor in grandeur is the twin-peak 9,903-foot summit of Sweden, Mount Kebnekaise, over which we fly. There we see how the North European climate is changing—with serious effect on forestry and water power—as, indeed, it is changing throughout the Northern Hemisphere.

One peak is now bare. The glacier has shrunk. Less than 10 years ago both peaks were snow-capped.

Another competitor is the Hare's Leap Waterfall at Porjus where the world's most powerful hydro-electric plant will start operation in March, 1952. The fall is 120 yards long and drops 120 feet.

The plant will generate 8,000,000 kilowatts annually—that is a twelfth of Sweden's electric power—and will send 300,000 kilowatts hourly over a distance of 600 miles. This is a world record.

Cool Morning

"Elen wants more troops." But not, it should be noted, just for the guarding of Eden.

No, Myrtle, Mr. Truman isn't going to a wake. Anyway, corps isn't pronounced like that.

The caption of a photograph printed yesterday ran: "nery in Penang. Not an institution of a public character." Oh, I don't know. This sort of thing is becoming quite a local institution.

Egyptian girl says she was visited by Gabriel and will in a few months become a virgin mother.

Other maidens, however, should be warned that they can't all pull the same story and get away with it.

"Furniture from beer barrels." Bitter suite?

Soviet scientists are quoted as saying, "The flight against the warmongers must be stepped up in action and in effectiveness." What's this—a new secret weapon?

"1,000 rebels attempt to seize Taungdwinryi." This is known as a Taung twister.

"The glamorous star will be seen in sex films in the course of the next year." They have, of course, a perennial popularity.

"Francis de Rouchehoucauld, Duke of Liancourt and Scion of one of France's oldest families..."

Just another scion of what readers have to put up with round these parts.

"Heat fat in saucpan and toss little unions in until pale golden brown." And then they're surprised when workers of the world unite.

"Audiences everywhere have been shrieking, shivering and squealing. You will too." Sounds a wall of a picture.

"The American film star was applying for a passport. 'Unmarried?' she was asked. 'Occasionally,' she answered."

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Condition of Red boss is serious

Paris, October 11. The condition of the French Communist leader, M. Maurice Thorez, is more serious than has been expected, a medical bulletin published in the Communist evening newspaper "Ce Soir" said today.

M. Thorez is suffering from high blood pressure, the bulletin disclosed.

The bulletin, signed by three doctors, said: "This condition, which is the result of the physical and mental overwork to which our comrade has so long been subject will make it necessary for him to take a complete rest which will probably last several weeks."

M. Thorez was resting today in his pleasant villa at Chisle, 120 miles and a half miles up the Seine from Paris.

The house, surrounded by a garden and a will, is distinguished from its neighbours by the fact that the garden gates are fitted with a wire covered telephone.

A Reuters correspondent who asked for a short interview with M. Thorez was told by the Communist leader's secretary that M. Thorez was very tired and could not see anyone—Reuters.

BRITAIN ASKS FOR ASSURANCES FROM RUSSIAN DELEGATE

"Little Johnny" should get into step SEVEN-NATION DRAFT

Lake Success, October 12.

Britain today asked the Russian foreign minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, for an assurance that his proposal for new Big Power discussions on peace and security means the Soviet Union would drop the obstructions that characterised the previous meetings of the Council of Foreign Ministers.

The British Minister of State, Mr. Kenneth Younger, speaking in the main Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly, declared:

"We have had four-power meetings... on matters of the greatest importance, notably on the German and Austrian treaties. Throughout all these meetings, try as we may, none of us have been able to get into step with young Johnny."

We are therefore entitled to Mr. Vyshinsky when he gives us some substance for believing he is going to handle the situation which he now faces differently from those which have gone before. These are genuine, and in the light of our past experience, inevitable misgivings which are bound to feel and on which we have a right to be assured."

Mr. Younger made extensive use of the story of "Johnny" whose other complaints his whole attention was out of step but him. "We have not given up hope at even if Johnny will not change his step," Mr. Younger said in another reference to Mr. Vyshinsky, "at least he may modify it enough to enable us to march along without treading on each other's feet."

We will now look forward with cautious hopefulness to his elaboration of his proposals. After the meeting, we ask him to look again about ours; and to see if he cannot meet them more fully in the spirit in which we have put them forward."

Seven-nation plan

Mr. Younger was speaking on the resolution of the United States, Britain and five other countries which proposes that all United Nations members earmark a part of their national armed forces for use by the vetoless General Assembly against aggressors when the Security Council is paralysed by a veto.

Mr. Vyshinsky has objected to the Western resolution on grounds that it would undermine the Security Council and would "explode and crush the Charter from top to bottom."

In a counter-move he proposed a Big Five meeting under Article 106 of the Charter which empowers major Powers to consult together for joint action on behalf of the United Nations. He demanded also that steps be speeded up to establish a permanent international police force.

Mr. Younger said: "What the present proposals do, is not to try to remove powers or duties from the Security Council. It is impossible to point to any provision which has such effect. Nor do the proposals transfer to the General Assembly any of the special functions of the Security Council."

"What they do is to give expression and more coherent form to the powers and duties which were always available to the General Assembly and its members over and above the powers and duties expressly given by the Charter to the Security Council... We are trying to substitute for the old jungle law a law based upon the collective will of nations."

Shameful page

Mr. Baranovsky of Ukraine said: "Take the case of Korea. This is a shameful page in the history of the United Nations when the United Nations was used to cover up aggression. Yet in the opinion of some people this action gave new hope for the future. What

is at stake is not one modification of rules of procedure but a basic revision of the Charter. These resolutions are designed to crush the foundation on which the UN as a whole had been erected."

While the Political Committee continued its debate on giving teeth to the Assembly, the Economic and Social Council began work on a programme of relief for war-torn Korea estimated to cost \$70,000,000 to \$80,000,000.

Baranovsky was followed by Bolivia's Adolfo Costa du Rele. The Soviet sent was occupied by Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky's deputy, Mr. Jacob Malik. Costa du Rele fully and wholeheartedly supported the seven-power resolution, saying that experience has shown that the Assembly's interim committee was not able to fulfil its task mainly because of the absence of certain countries made its work sterile.

Regarding the veto in the Security Council, Costa du Rele stated: "By acting negatively and being absent the Soviet Union has encouraged unfriendliness in the Security Council. Now what does the Soviet Union propose? That we remain status quo."

Stalin interview

For the third consecutive day the 1950 interview between Roy W. Howard of Scripps Howard newspapers and Generalissimo Josef Stalin was brought into debate. Adolfo Costa du Rele recalled that Stalin had told Howard that Russia had no intention of interfering in other countries. He added: "Now we are in 1950 and what has happened?"

He cited the Soviet Union's attack on Finland, "Eastern Europe and Baltic countries one by one were nibbled away and swallowed," and called attention to post-war developments in Czechoslovakia and Poland. He declared that Mr. Vyshinsky "went to Bucharest and in two hours changed the government of Rumania. But he says that the Soviet government does not interfere in the internal affairs of other nations."

The chief Mexican delegate, Luis Padilla, spoke next pledging Mexico's support for the joint resolution. He said: "The objects of the proposal fully corresponded to the aspirations of Mexico... We have wished to liberate our organisations from the slavery of the veto."

The Byelo-Russian Foreign Minister, Kuzma Kuselev, was the next speaker. He repeated Baranovsky's argument against the seven-power draft and charged that they aim at reducing the power of the Security Council which he described as the main guardian of peace. He devoted a substantial part of his long address to an attack on Du Rele, saying that the Bolivian has "learned by phonographs records of Dr. Goebbels his anti-Soviet provocations."—United Press.



DISCOVERY AT MARGATE

U.S. SUSPENDS ALL ENTRY VISAS

Washington, October 12. The State Department announced today it has suspended visas issued to all foreigners overseas, except Displaced Persons.

The action is intended to give officials time to study more fully the McCarran anti-Communist law and to come up with some workable regulations.

Many foreigners arriving at American ports have been held up or barred from entering the country. The law bars the entry of Communists and Fascists.

The congestion at ports of entry is increasing. Thousands of persons are expected to be affected by the State Department's order. Travel plans throughout the world will be snarled by the sudden order.

The State Department said United States diplomatic and consular officials will re-examine immediately cases of persons whose visas have been suspended.

A State Department announcement said: "Except as otherwise provided, non-immigrant visas will not be revaluated if the bearer is or was a member of, affiliated with, a Communist, Nazi or Fascist party, or any section, branch, subsidiary, affiliate or subdivision of such party, in any country."

This will bar most people from Communist Yugoslavia, but the State Department still had no decision on whether it would bar supporters of the Governments of Spain or other such Governments where democratic principles are scarce.

However officials expressed the informal opinion that the action would not cause the suspension of either the exchange of persons programme with Germany and other Governments, or of the Displaced Persons programme. Persons were not cancelled because they have already been screened for any past affiliation with totalitarian movements.

Shipping Co.'s advised

State Department instructions went out during the night to United States diplomatic and consular representatives throughout the world. They were instructed to advise all shipping and airline companies not to bring persons to the United States unless they have visas issued on Thursday or later. Representatives of foreign Governments or delegates to international organisations such as the United Nations will not be affected by the order.

Both the Italian and the German Governments have protested the actions being taken under the new law.

Detailed Government plans for enforcing the McCarran law, originally expected early last week, have still not been completed.

Some sources said the Justice Department and the State Department are talking about grading supporters of totalitarianism, so that persons classed as mere "followers" could be admitted to the United States. All higher classifications would be barred. American immigration officials detained 32 passengers, including the Italian orchestral conductor, Victor de Sabata, under the new

Conservatives hear attacks on Gov't; Eden sounds warning

London, October 12.

Mr. Julian Amery, son of a former Secretary of State for India, declared that the British Labour Government had made a mockery of self-government and have issued an open invitation to Communism by giving advanced constitutions to poor and backward countries.

Addressing 4,000 delegates at the Conservative Party's annual conference, which opened at Blackpool today, Mr. Amery asked the conference to reaffirm their faith "in the grand design of raising dependent colonies through the years to full partnership in the Commonwealth."

But economic and social development were needed as well as good administration, he said.

The conference unanimously adopted a resolution "viewing with grave alarm the continued unrest and declining standards of ordered administration in the Colonial Empire" and called on the Party to "exert every effort to restore the confidence of Colonial people in Britain's will to fulfil her Imperial mission."

The resolution further welcomed advances towards self-government within the Empire "when basic requirements for self-government are fulfilled" and there was no breach of any trust. Finally, it called for unfettered mutual economic co-operation in the whole Commonwealth to achieve the social and economic development upon which progress towards self-government must depend.

Eden's warning

Mr. Anthony Eden, meanwhile, warned Britain today to remain with all speed and vigor for fear that the Russians may miscalculate Western strength and launch a war. Addressing the Conference, the former Foreign Secretary said Britain's Labour Government has been dangerously slow in rebuilding its arm.

Mr. Eden forecast that 1951 must inevitably be a very critical year. The danger of war, he said, "lies more in a miscalculation than in a wicked calculation" by Russia.

"Personally, I do not believe there is any nation in the modern world that will be so rash as to embark upon a policy of open aggression once it is convinced of the strength, readiness and resolution of the forces arrayed against it," Mr. Eden said.

To convince any aggressors, he said, the Western democracies have to build up their defensive strength with all speed and vigor, not to make war, but to negotiate peace from strength.

Mr. Eden urged expansion of the British Army, to which the Government planned to add three new divisions next year. Two of those divisions are to be kept

security law when the liner Queen Mary docked here today. Those detained were mainly Italians. They included 14 musicians from Rome.—United Press and Reuter.



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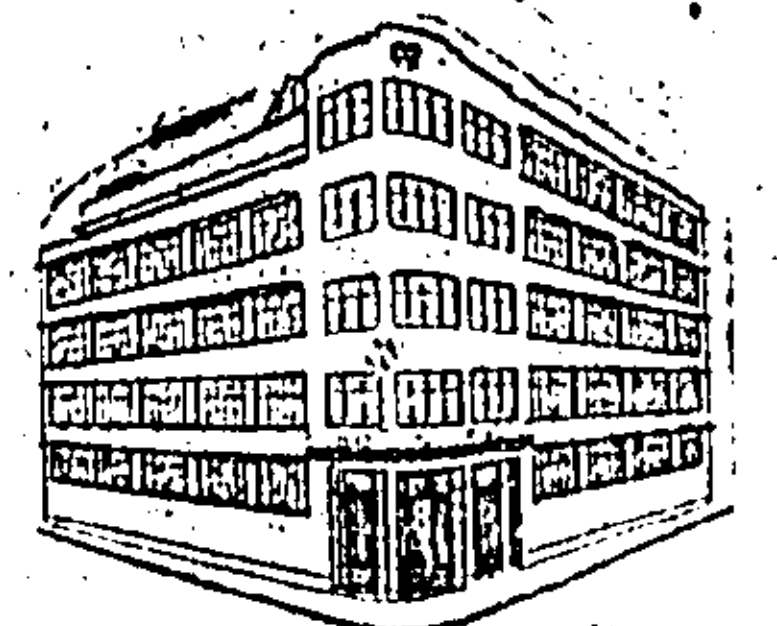
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Rhee's authority not to extend to North Korea

Lake Success, October 12.

The United Nations Commission on Korea today limited the authority of the Syngman Rhee government to South Korea and empowered General Douglas MacArthur to set up United Nations civil rule in North Korea.

The Commission unanimously approved at a closed meeting an Australian proposal to exclude the Rhee regime from areas beyond the 38th Parallel until nation-wide elections can be held. This will have the effect of putting Mr. Rhee before the Korean voters again.

Immediately after the vote, the Commission cabled its decision to General MacArthur, giving him the go-ahead to establish civil rule in the liberated Northern areas.

Under the Australian proposal, forces representing various national armies fighting under the UN colours will be associated with the civil administration. Informed circles said the main purpose of the Australian proposal was to preserve freedom of action for the Commission in Northern Korea until the elections are held. The seven members of the Commission will start operating in Korea as soon as the military situation permits.

The Commission's action came after the Russians delayed UN Economic and Social Council debates on Korean relief and rehabilitation by a surprise attempt to set Red China.

Australia's proposal to keep the Rhee Government temporarily out of North Korea reflected the views of some UN delegations that resistance in the North will soften if the Koreans are offered a chance ultimately to establish a broader-based Government.

Members of the Commission are Australia, Chile, the Netherlands, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.—Associated Press.

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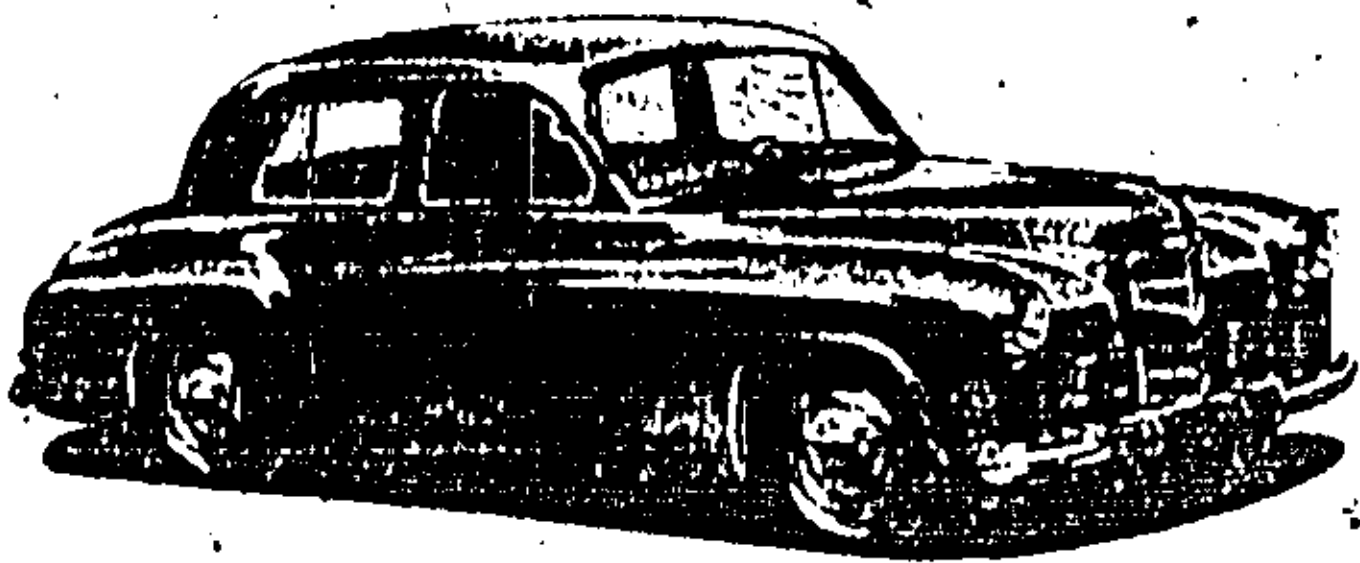
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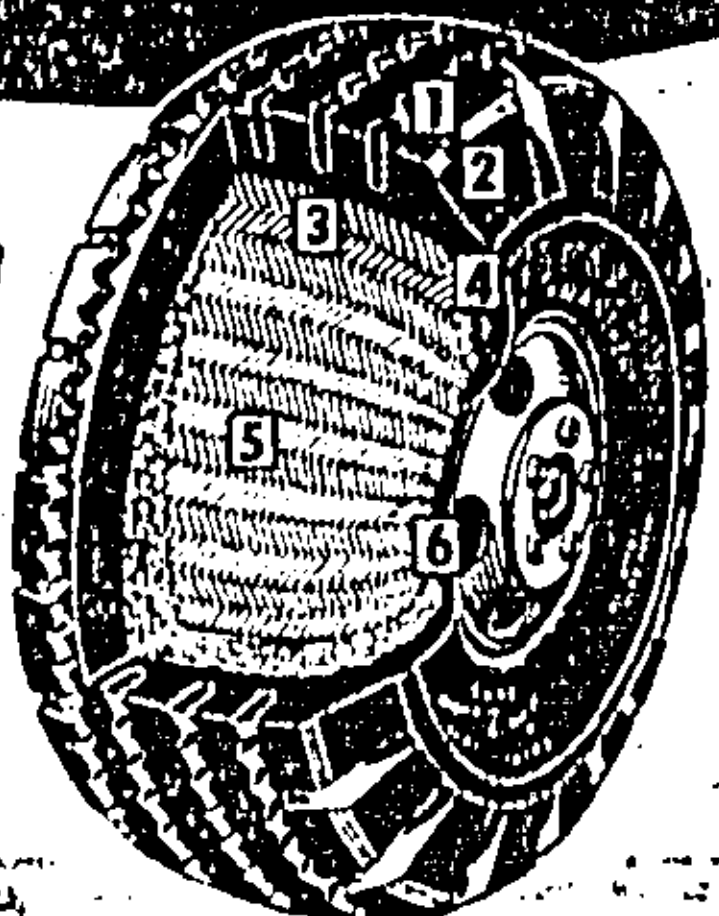
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MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

KMB ORDERS
30 DOUBLE
DECK BUSES

Big export orders, which include 30 double deck buses for the Kowloon Motor Bus Company, have been announced by Britain's motor industry which is now exporting four vehicles for every minute of the working day, according to a report from London.

(In Hong Kong, an official of the KMB confirmed the report and said the first batch of buses is expected here next month).

BRM may
race
in Spain

Britain's new 200 m.p.h. racing car, the BRM, may race in Spain this month. After winning the two chief events at the Goodwood International meeting, the British Motor Racing Research Trust today stated that they are considering entering the BRM against the crack Italian teams at the Spanish Grand Prix at Barcelona. There it would have a chance of proving itself in a way not possible over the short Goodwood track.

On the short twisting course at Goodwood the BRM did not exceed 150 m.p.h. but won both races mainly owing to its tremendous acceleration from the bends. After the race its driver, Reg Parnell, said: "I never ever got into top gear. Given the course I am quite sure it will do more than 200 m.p.h." The car won the 12 mile race for the Woodcroft Cup at 78.5 m.p.h. and the 29 mile event for the Goodwood Cup at 82.48 m.p.h.

The BRM (British Racing Motors) was first conceived by Raymond Mays, famous hill climbing champion and road racing driver, and is the result of the co-operative effort of nearly 200 British engineering firms. It is of advanced design planned to be on level terms with any racing car produced within the next few years.

After the BRM's success Mr. Raymond Mays said: "During the winter we hope to give the two cars already completed a team mate, a still better BRM which ought to be capable of beating any formula car in the world."

An order valued at more than \$4,000,000 for British cars—one of the largest single orders for cars ever received—has been placed by the Hambro Trading Company of the U.S. The order, which was announced today by Nuffields, is for 3,800 Morris, Riley and M.G. cars—the majority being M.G. Midgets and Morris Minors.

Britain's commercial vehicle industry is also obtaining large orders. At the Commercial Motor Show at Earls Court, London, overseas buyers have been attending from some 70 different countries. Although it will be several months before the full success of the Show can be judged, firms are already announcing important new orders.

The Daimler Company announced an order for 50 double deck buses for Bombay, bringing their fleet there up to 380, and 50 single deck buses for New Zealand. Five of the latest Daimler single deck, long wheel base bus chassis with a 10.6 litre diesel engine have been ordered for Australia.

A substantial order for single deck buses has been announced by Guy Motors for the Danish State Railways who already operate a large Guy fleet. This firm also announces an initial order for their new underfloor Arab single deck chassis, on show for the first time, for the Netherlands.

One of the latest orders placed at the Leyland stand during the Show was for 50 diesel Comet single deck chassis and cabs for Spain.

Mayflower arrives
in Hong Kong

If all the Mayflowers now rolling off the Triumph assembly line at Coventry are as lively, economical, and as pleasant to drive as the one recently road-tested for 750 miles, Sir John Black has produced another winner. This is indeed an attractive newcomer to the 10 h.p. class, and is excellent value for the money. The Mayflower's side-valve engine of 1,247 cc (9.8 h.p.) gives a snappy performance, with zestful acceleration, and is one of the quietest and silkiest four-cylinder motors produced for some time.

Small British
quota for
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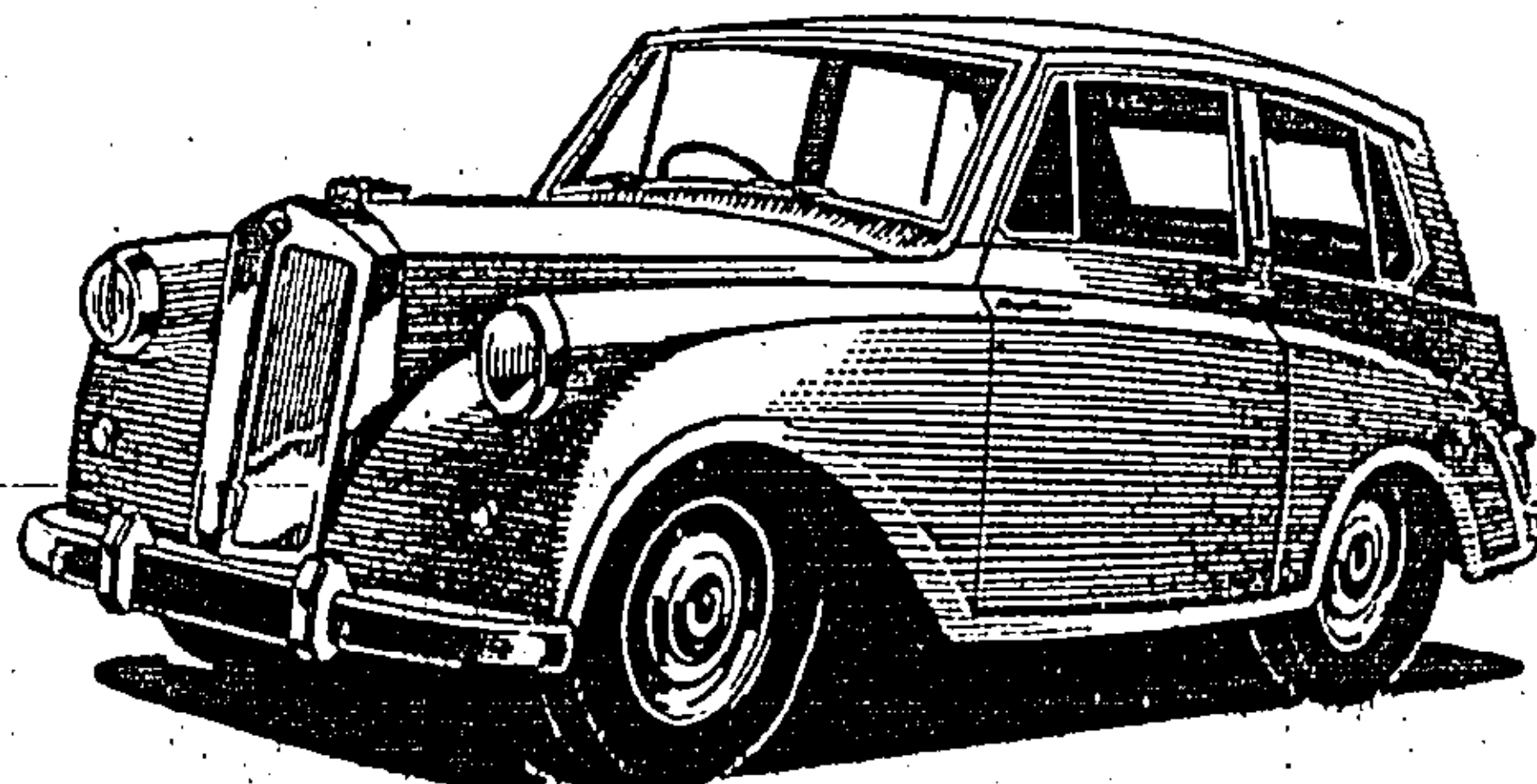
Only 600 British cars may be assembled in Mexican factories under the assembly quotas just announced by the Mexican Government for the new financial year.

The quota provides for a total of 17,050 units to be assembled in Mexico during the year, of which 10,050 will be American cars and the other 7,000 will be European.

There had been hopes that more British and European cars would be admitted to the country to help the Mexican Government in its drive to bring car prices down.

But it is pointed out that this is the first time that British cars have been included in the Mexican Government's assembly quota. If these cars are successful and popular in Mexico, the quota may be expanded in the next financial year.

British-built Fords have the highest quota of 250. The quota provides for 150 Hillman Minx cars, 100 Vauxhall cars and 100 Austins. The other 700 European cars for which Mexican quotas are granted include Skoda, Tatra, Opel, Renault, Daimler-Benz and Goliath.



THE TRIUMPH MAYFLOWER

Mexico and
low-priced
motor cars

With British and other European cars entering the Mexican market, it is believed unlikely that the Mexican Government will increase its quota for U.S. car imports this year.

The reason is that the Government is anxious to stimulate the assembly of lower-priced cars, particularly those that sell well below £750, in existing Mexican assembly works.

The least expensive U.S. car assembled in Mexico sell at about £825. On the other hand, the Hillman Minx, now entering the market for the first time, is expected to sell for not more than £600.

The assembly quota for the 1950-51 financial year permits the assembly of 16,100 motor vehicles. Almost all this quota is taken up by U.S. companies, which are now pressing for an increase for the 1950-51 financial year.

The 400 cars a year assembled in the Hudson works include 200 Renaults, at present the only European car selling in Mexico. Retail price is about £650.

General Motors is hoping to reach a similar arrangement for the assembly of German Opels, over and above its present quota. The Packard works in Mexico is also understood to have applied for a quota of Hillman Minx cars for assembly.

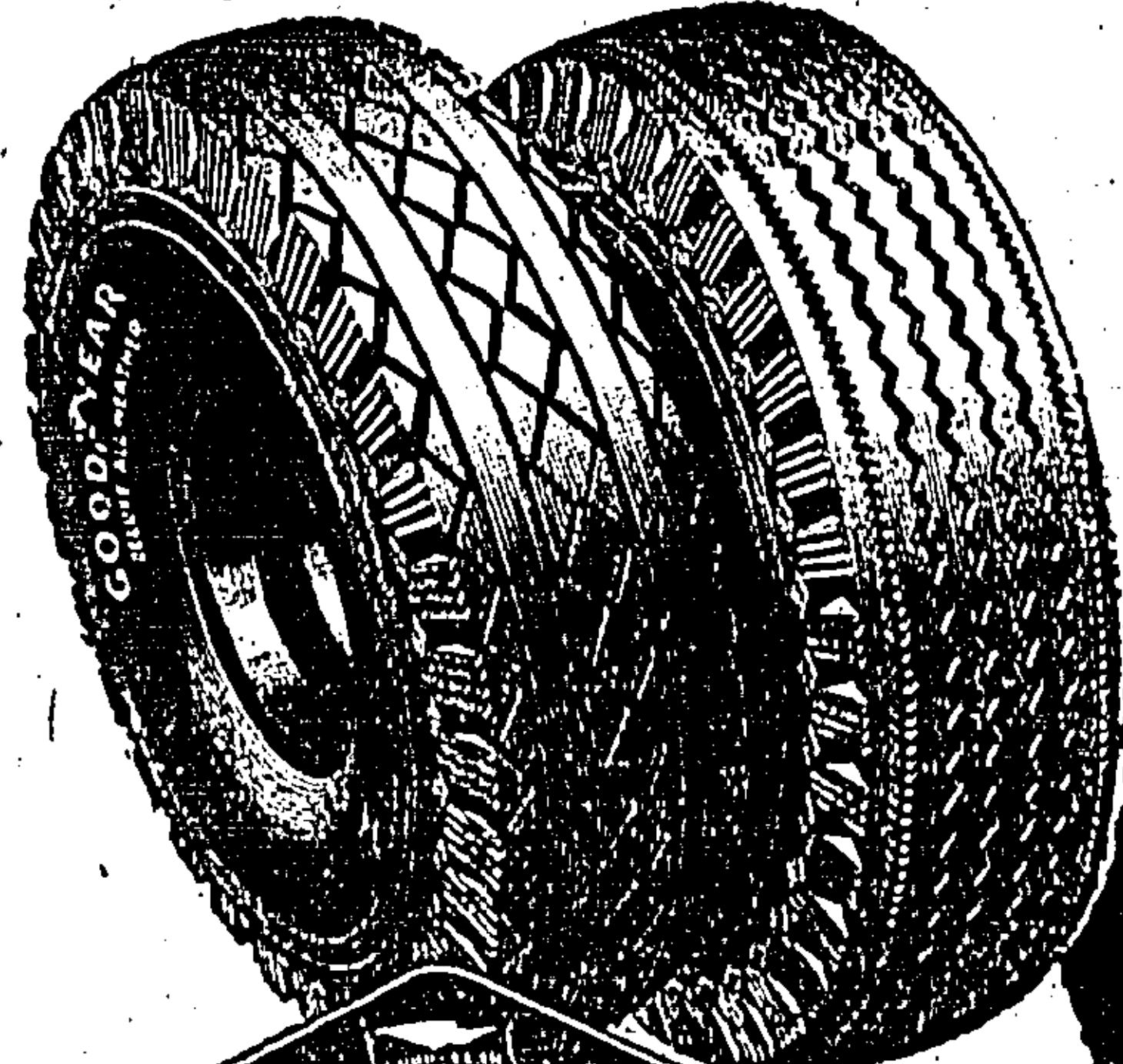
British Fords will be assembled by Ramon Llano, one of the biggest Ford distributors in Mexico, who plans to open his own assembly works. He has applied for an assembly quota of 400 cars a year.

Italy has been surveying motor prospects in Mexico recently on behalf of Fiat, which it is reported that another building assembly works is ready to handle Czech Skoda cars.



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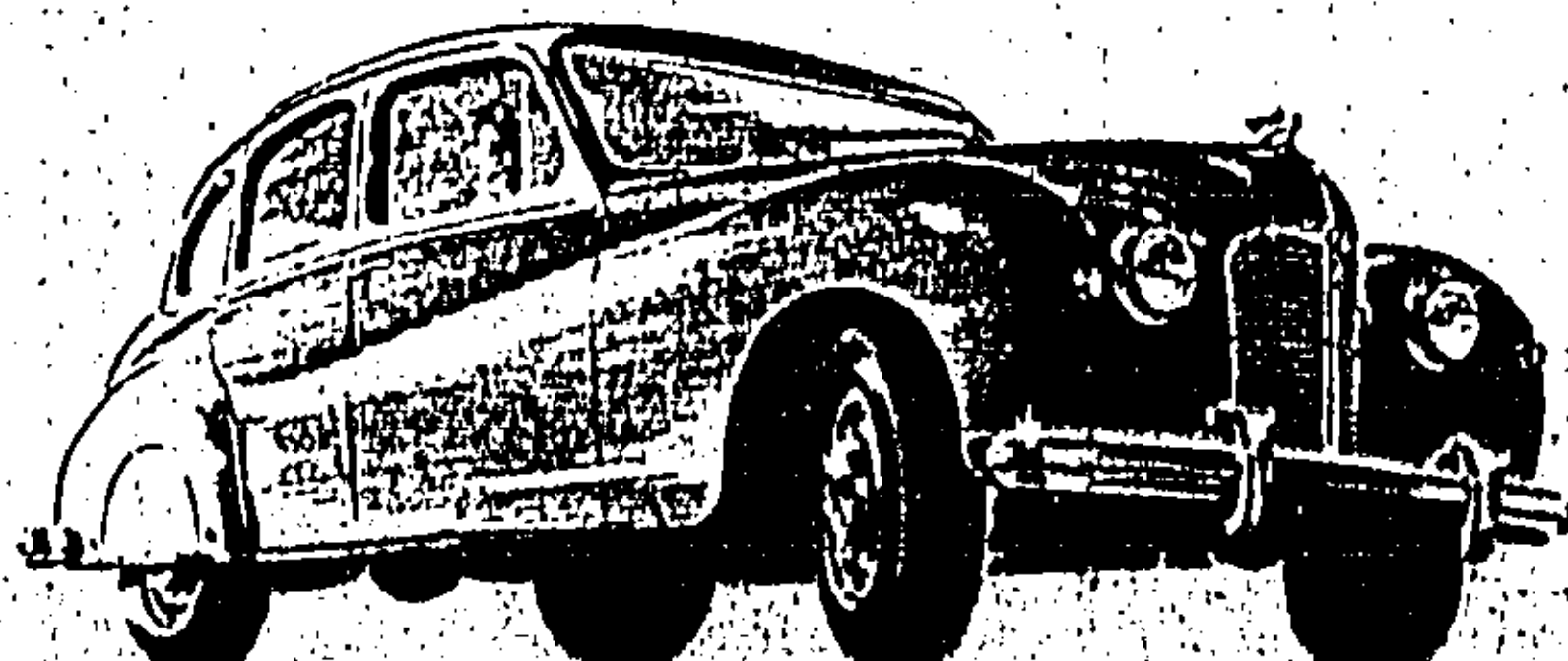
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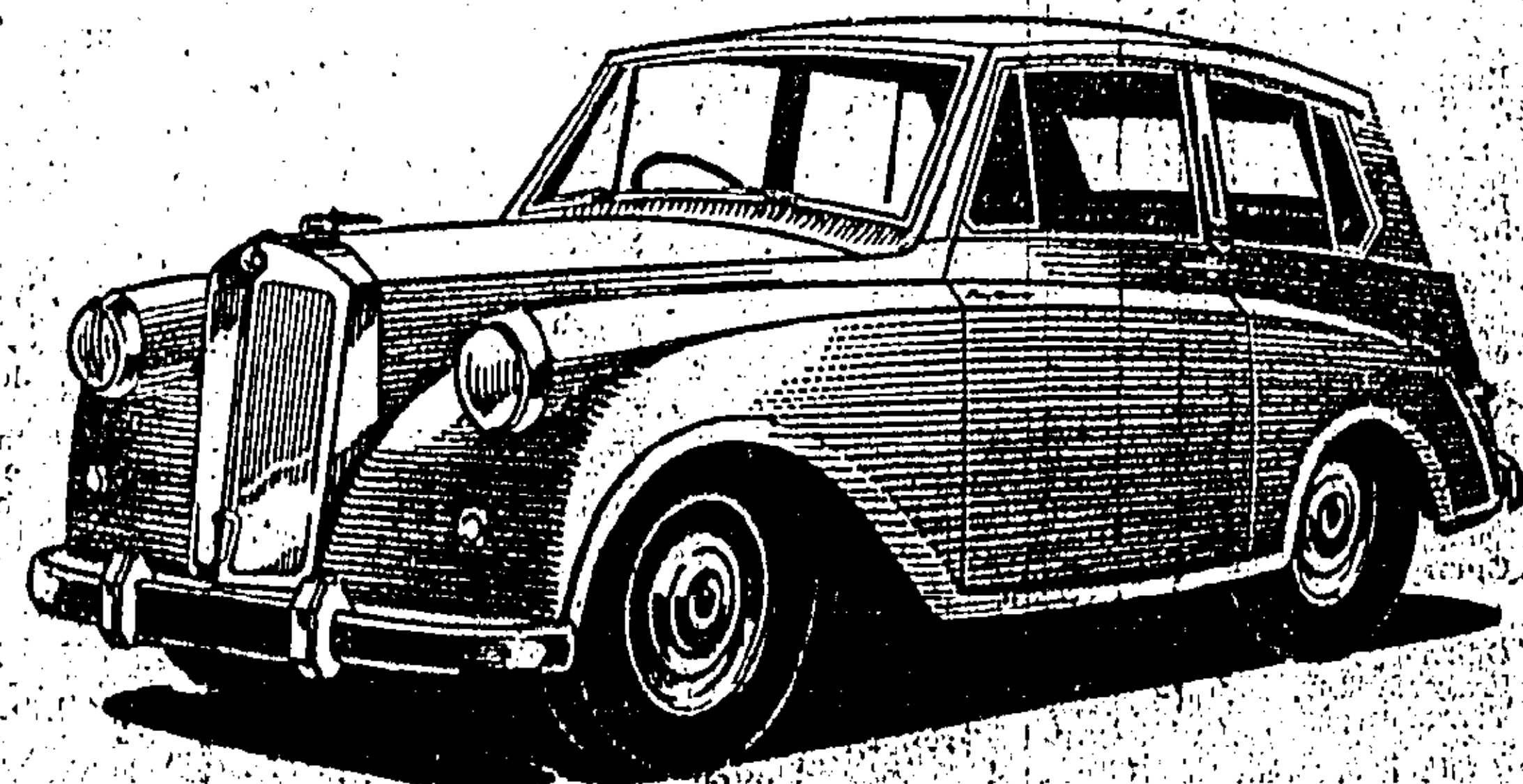
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PACIFIC RELATIONS CONFERENCE AIRS POINTS OF FRICTION

STUDY OF DOCUMENTS ON KOREA

Moscow, October 12. Diplomatic observers today studied carefully a series of important documents on Korea published in the Soviet Press and tried to guess the likely course of events, now that the North Koreans have rejected General MacArthur's request to surrender.

Top Chinese Communist spokesmen have already declared that Red China will not stand by indifferently while foreign forces are present in North Korea. And today, Generalissimo Stalin conveyed to Premier Kim Il Sung his wishes for the "establishment of a united, independent Korea," "Pravda's" main editorial said Premier Stalin's words constituted a historic document, expressing the Soviet people's sympathetic sentiments for a "full success of the Korean people in its just struggle of liberation."

The editorial added its opinion of the eight-power United Nations resolution on Korea by citing the Chinese Communist Premier, Chou En-lai's statement that "the so-called majority of the United States consists of only one-third of the population of the total countries represented in the United Nations."

Some observers believe that with China's example the North Koreans must have made long preparations for prolonged action in anticipation of the present situation. Few foreign experts here think that the American and Allied advance in Korea during the past few weeks surprised North Korean leaders. They believe that the North Koreans knew from the very beginning their own military potentiality compared with that which the United States and other Western powers could bring into play.

Some observers here think that the Communists probably still enjoy considerable support among the South Korean population. And they believe that the North Korean terrain is especially well suited for guerrilla warfare.

The consensus of Western diplomatic opinion here is that neither China nor the Soviet Union intends to send military forces into North Korea. It was generally believed that the Soviet Union will follow the line of Andrei Gromyko's July statement on non-intervention in "civil war", although documents published today make it abundantly clear where the Soviet sympathies lie.—United Press.

Acheson's ousting demanded

Los Angeles, October 12. The American Legion condemned the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson today for his refusal to evaluate the dangers of Communism, and it formally demanded that President Truman shake up the State Government.

In a major resolution recommended by the Legion's important Committee on Foreign Affairs and passed after a hot floor debate at the 32nd annual convention, the Legion hinted strongly that it wanted Mr. Acheson ousted. It did not say so in as many words.

It asked the President to reconstitute the State Department to "restore our people's conduct of our foreign affairs."

Among 20 resolutions the Legionnaires also asked:

1. Full diplomatic recognition of Spain.
2. Use of atomic weapons on Russia if necessary to prevent further Soviet aggression.
3. Abolishment of the veto power in any UN action on further aggression.
4. World armament quotas and international control of atomic energy, both policed by international inspection.
5. Establishment of an international police force.
6. Non-recognition of Red China by the United States.
7. Strengthening of Western Germany politically and militarily as the bulwark against Communism.

Other resolutions asked for continued defence of Formosa, support of the Chinese Nationalists aid to the Philippines to resist revolution and Communism and prompt conclusion of the Japanese treaty.—United Press.

Lucknow, October 12. Kashmir and Korea, Vietnam and Vietnam, and New Guinea—all points of friction with international repercussions—were discussed at a political round-table of the Pacific Relations Conference here today.

Two delegates, one Indian and the other Pakistani, made initial statements on the Kashmir dispute which, according to a spokesman of the round-table group, contained nothing new, but the two delegates' expositions were remarkable for their moderation.

A consensus of neutral opinion, represented by the rest of a dozen participating countries, was:

1.—The dispute had brought the friends of India and Pakistan to a state of despair; and 2.—Most points of friction between the two countries had roots in the unresolved Kashmir dispute.

The neutral representatives expressed divergent views which became marked when the round-table group considered a possible basis of partition and the means of effecting partition.

One neutral delegate was understood to have said that he had both sides and his view was that there must be a political settlement involving a degree of compromise and partition of the state.

Confederation suggested

Intervening in the debate, a member of the Indian delegation was understood to have suggested the creation initially of a confederation of India, Pakistan and Kashmir with a common defence policy, with the subsequent objective of extending the principle to Burma and Ceylon.

The round-table views on some of the other points of friction may be sketched as follows:

Formosa: A Japanese delegate said that Japan had lost all interest in Formosa while the Philippines delegate thought that his country's position would be precarious if Formosa went under Red China.

The United States and United Kingdom delegates doubted if their Governments would insist that Formosa should form part of the question of the Japanese treaty, although it would be so.

A member of the Indian delegation considered that the position should be "neutralised" by placing Formosa under United Nations supervision to ascertain the wishes of the Formosans.

Indo-China: The French delegate, emphasising the strategic importance of the area, declared that they must ensure to keep the country out of Communist hands.

U.S. view

The American viewpoint as set forward by a member of the American delegation was that the United States would take unilateral action in Indo-China.

She would accept any United Nations decision in regard to Indo-China.

New Guinea: The Indonesian delegate said that Australia's opposition to the Indonesian claim to West New Guinea was dissipating the fund of goodwill which that country built up by the great interest it took in the Indonesian struggle for independence.

The United States delegate suggested that the whole of New Guinea—East and West—might be placed under United Nations trusteeship.—Reuter.

Move to oust Nationalists defeated

Lake Success, October 12. The United Nations Economic and Social Council today refused to oust the Chinese Nationalists in favour of the Chinese Communists after two hours of "runcorous" debate.

The 18-nation Council voted down a two-part Russian resolution which would have achieved the change. It upheld the right of Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist delegation to sit in the Council; the vote was 11 to seven. Then it defeated a Soviet proposition to invite Mao Tse-tung's Communist delegation, by a vote of 11 to six with one abstention.

The Soviet delegate, returning to the Economic and Social Council for the first time since the Kremlin ended its 20-week boycott, held up start of work on the programme for Korean relief by introducing its Chinese representative proposal, which has been defeated in every organ in which it has been presented.

The Russian delegate, Mr. Amasov Arutunian, declared that the Nationalist Chinese delegate, Mr. K. W. Yu, represented a corrupt regime which represents nobody.

Mr. Yu replied: "My government still is and always will be the legitimate government of China." Mr. Arutunian then said: "The representative of the Kuomintang clique realises this is his last appearance here and has begun to sing his swan song." Mr. Yu retorted: "I would rather be voicing my swan song than barking like a mad dog."—United Press.

Talks with Yemen concluded

London, October 12.

Delegations to the Anglo-Yemen talks in London have agreed to submit proposals to their Governments for the settlement of frontier disputes and the establishment of diplomatic relations.

An official announcement on the talks, which ended this week, said today that agreement on the proposals had been reached "after the most friendly discussions".

The talks, which began here on August 29, were principally concerned with the settling of two frontier disputes between the Yemen and the British protectorate of Aden.

The disputes were: (1) the bombing by RAF planes of a Yemen-constructed fort last year claimed by Britain to be in the Aden protectorate; (2) an oil prospecting expedition carried out by the Shabwa area last year by a subsidiary of the Iraq Petroleum Company, which is claimed by the Yemen to be Yemen territory.

It is believed that the proposals submitted to the two Governments for the settlement of the frontier disputes is for machinery, possibly a commission, to be set up for finding a modus vivendi pending final settlement of the frontier under the Anglo-Yemen treaty of 1934.

It also believed that the proposals recommend the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries. At the moment they are carried out through the Governor of Aden, a procedure which has been viewed unfavourably by the Yemen Government.

It was learned from a usually reliable source that the British delegation offered the technical services of the British Middle East Office in Cairo to the Yemen Government for technical cooperation such as the development of agriculture.

A communiqué issued today by the two delegations said that during the last six weeks talks have been held on questions outstanding between the two countries. After the most friendly discussions the delegations have agreed to submit certain proposals to their Governments.

The subjects discussed included settlement of incidents and disputes which have occurred in certain areas since the conclusion of the Anglo-Yemen treaty of 1934, the establishment of diplomatic relations and technical cooperation.—Reuter.

LOCUSTS THREATEN PERSIA

London, October 12.

Persia may face a locust invasion this month or the next, Dr. Boris Uvarov, the Director of the British Anti-Locust Research Centre said here today.

Western Arabia might also be invaded by locusts from the Eritrea and Northern Ethiopia, he warned.

Extensive winter breeding could be expected on both sides of the Red Sea, while swarms from British Somaliland might cross into Somaliland and Ogaden this month.

Further hatchlings from September layings would take place in infected areas of Pakistan and India, where young swarms of the monsoon generation might mature rapidly and where hopper infestation might continue until November.

Dr. Uvarov, a locust expert at the London Natural History Museum, heads a team of scientists who advise the Colonial Office on anti-locust research.

He believed that £1,000,000 for each of the next three years will be needed to wipe out locust-breeding in British territories.—Reuter.

Port Louis, Mauritius, October 12.

About 100 local dock workers are on strike here for three days are refusing to handle sugar bags weighing 100 kilos, which they say are too heavy.

The Dockers' Union, which signed an agreement with the employers in March, fixing the rate for handling sugar at this weight, has not authorised the strike.—Reuter.

A soldier weeps in Korea



An American infantryman, his comrade killed in action, weeps on the shoulder of another soldier somewhere in Korea. Meanwhile, a corpman goes about the business of filling out casualty tags.—Associated Press Photo.

DON IDDON'S DIARY

Now the Red Star wows the Stars and Stripes. Open the door, Jakob, and let the British in.

I am talking to Jakob Malik, but Andrei Vyshinsky is also welcome to listen.

The two Russians are singing "Peace, Perfect Peace," but they are also trying to split the British and the Americans.

Mr. Malik receives obscure student groups from Baltimore and says the chiefs of the U.S. and the USSR should meet.

A very fine idea. But there is no mention of Britain, no word about Mr. Attlee attending such a conference.

Mr. Vyshinsky coos lullabies about settlements and writes notes to American newspapermen; but there isn't even a postscript about the British Commonwealth.

The British fifth of the world is being ignored as the Red Star cuddles up to the 'Stars and Stripes.

We should make one thing clear—if there are to be any conferences with Stalin and his lieutenants, Britain and the Empire must be represented.

UN is right. Don't let the Americans fall for the blithe guff from Moscow. The United Nations will not.

Out at Lake Success and Flushington Meadow, the delegates are determined to work as a team. They are right.

At last the world peace organization has earned the respect of the world. It has even earned the respect of New Yorkers, a hard-shelled cynical lot with plenty of other problems on their mind.

Every day the problems get worse. It is becoming difficult to distinguish the cops from the robbers in Manhattan.

New York's police are now revealed to have been for sale. The race-track crooks bought them wholesale. They bribed them and bamboozled them over the past year.

Now the great clean-up is taking place and the new Police Commissioner, Thomas Murphy, is swinging a baton as big as himself—he is fit to fall.

The cops themselves are being given the third-degree treatment. It is a bad business—but necessary.

I hope Mr. Murphy will temper his judgment with mercy, particularly for the ordinary constable who received small change from the gamblers while the lieutenants and captains and big brass were receiving thousands-dollar bribes.

You will hear a great deal more about this man Murphy, who is masterminding the earthquake in the police department. He is a combination of Bruce Bairnsfather's "Old Bill," John L. Sullivan, and Scotland Yard's Big Five.

There is nothing of the race-track about him; he is too big for a jockey and too small for a horse. He has the finest moustache in America, a tremendous RAF spreading affair, as large as a Keystone cop's handlebar.

He was a little-known lawyer till he sent Alger Hiss the pink-pointed State Department official, to fall a few weeks ago the politician refused him a judgeship and told him he wasn't wanted.

The Murphy moustache bristled. But Acting-Mayor Impollitter acted when the police scandal broke and catapulted him to the Police Commissioner's job. It was a political master stroke.

This move strengthens Impy's already bright hopes of winning the election for mayor. He is defying the lightning of the Democratic bosses. He is even taking on another man with a moustache, Thomas E. Dewey, the Republican Governor of New York State.

Dewey is trying hard to run the show as racket-buster and corruption-cleaner, but his moustache is

no match for Murphy's and my money is on Big, not Little, Tom. The election has naturally become a fustian over the police.

There are four candidates. Our favourite, Vincent Impollitter, running as an Independent; Judge Ferdinand Decora, the official Democratic candidate; William O'Dwyer, the Republican Edward Cori, friend of Mr. Dewey; and Paul Ross the torchbearer for the American Labour Party.

Ordinarily victory would be a cinch for Judge Decora and powerful party-politics, but Impy has had the wonderful impudence to make a fight of it, and his appointment of Murphy may swing the result.

Ross was born in Russia, and the other three were all born in Italy. What, no Irishmen? Not a one, though. Bill O'Dwyer, the Irishman whose resignation brought about the contest, is figuring plenty in the campaign.

Cori, who has a slight La Guardia touch, calls O'Dwyer "the fugitive mayor, the runaway mayor, the man on the run."

Not merely New York but the entire country is girding itself for the election. Congress is mending

fences and digging air-raid shelters from coast to coast, and Washington is deserted.

We're not in it. Britain's part in the brawl over ballots is nil. We are not an issue.

We are in the news only for trying to improve the Empire, or something, by nationalising steel, socialising divorce, and generally playing a subdued Socialist second fiddle in the great American orchestra.

There are rumours that the pound sterling will be revalued at a higher rate. The Wall-street wonder-boys, who demanded the slash in the pound, now say: "Build it up again—what are you trying to do, undercut us?"

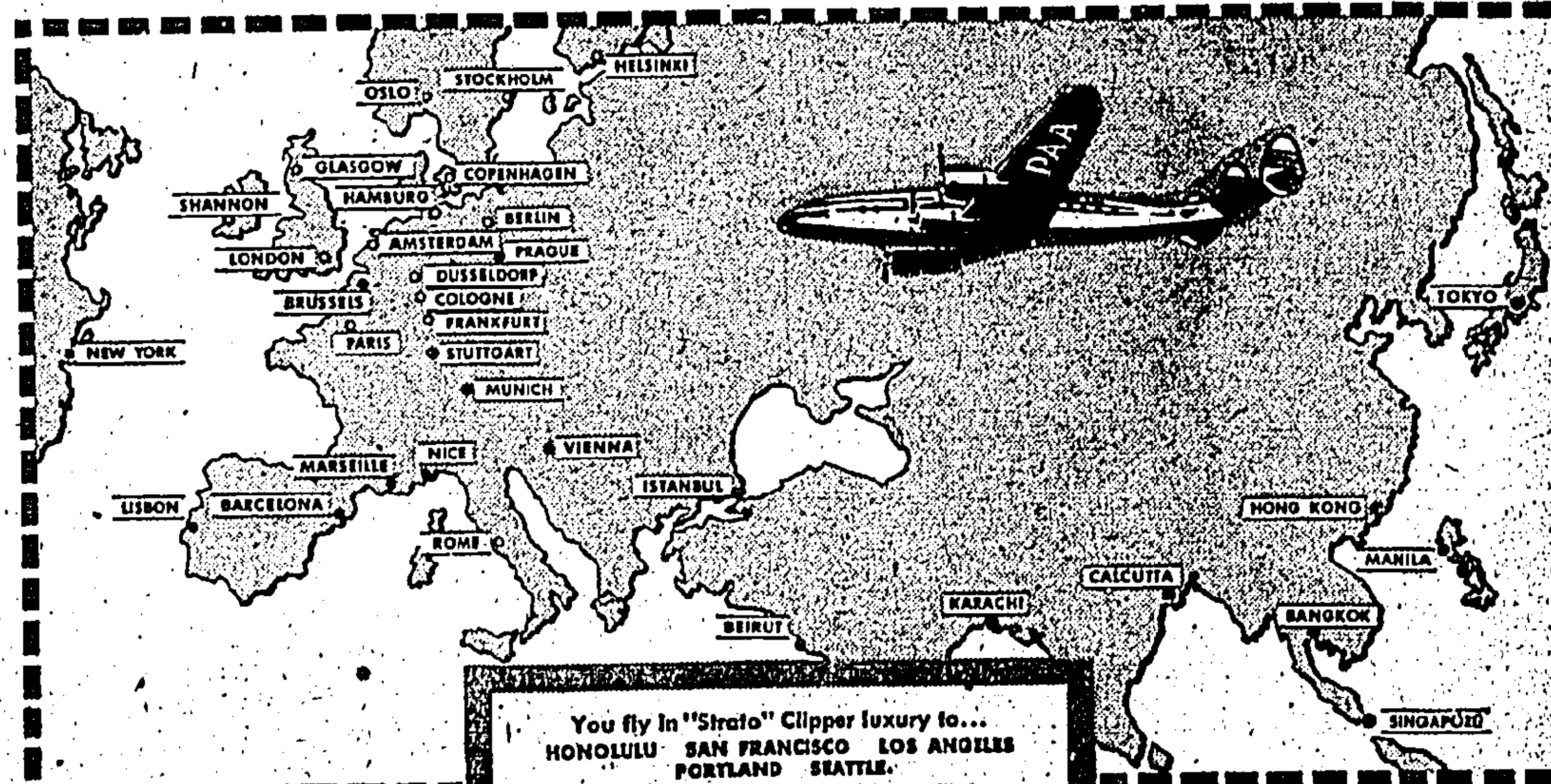
Let us act only if it will benefit the pound, not Wall Street. Anyway, it is good to see sterling being sought after. Even Mr. Joe Louis would like some, and talks vaguely of personal appearances in Britain.

Louis received £35,000 for his fight against Ezzard Charles, and he is not starving, despite his income-tax troubles.

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He has been appointed to a
4,500-a-year job as adviser to
the International Boxing Club,
and he has more than \$500,000 in
property and annuities.
He went out proud enough, and
I make no apologies for giving
him to win.
Charles is an erudite, quiet-
spoken, devout man, a worthy
champion. Personally, I think
Tommy Farr would give him a
run for his money and his title.

Edith speaks out
Women rather than men are in
the American news just now.
Our Edith Sitwell is here to
read the part of Lady Macbeth at
the Museum of Modern Art, but
meanwhile she has plenty of
other things to say. Sample: "I
can't resist sharpening my wits on
a wooden head any more than a
cat not sharpen its claws on a
table-leg." She said this after
going through Customs, and I
don't blame her.

Sir Osbert, who tells me he is
a faithful reader of this Diary, is
also here
Salute to the Sitwells.
The 1951 W.A.C. costumes for
girls in the Army are very, very
smart—designed to take warriors'
minds off the war.
Latest dresses are called "tourers"
—they have the top down.
Margot Fonteyn, the prima ballerina,
whose real name is Margaret
Hookham, is now rivaling
Molra Shearer as Ambassador
for Britain.
Sir Laurence and Lady Olivier
plan a big Hollywood deal which
will make them a lot of money
and keep them very busy.

Earned the cheers
Flora Robson got cheers here
for her "Elack Chiffon," but the
play itself was flimsy and trans-
parent. Our Gertrude Lawrence
triumphs again in "The Glass
Menagerie," a fine film.
Somerset Maugham's gun is
shining brightly in a television
contract.
Heard around town: British and
American troops can always be
depended on to win provided
they have a bad enough start.
Footnote: Second thoughts on
the 38th Parallel—ignore it.

GRUBER TALKS WITH MARSHALL
Washington, October 12.
Dr. Karl Gruber, Austria's
Foreign Minister, conferred with
the Secretary of Defense, Mr.
George Marshall, today.
He will discuss Austrian con-
ditions with ECA this afternoon
and will be honoured guest at a
Legation reception later.
Dr. Gruber plans to start a
lecture tour on Friday.—Associated
Press.

Link-up in Korea



Soldiers of the U.S. First Cavalry Division driving Northward and the Seventh Division moving South from the Incheon-Seoul sector exchange greetings after linking up.—AP Photo

SCAP likely to thank Truman for quick action

Tokyo, October 12.
When General Douglas MacArthur meets President Truman at their secret Pacific rendezvous he will thank the United States president for quick action to meet the Communist threat in Korea and urge the same policy be applied throughout Asia, usually reliable quarters said today.
General MacArthur believes no ground can be given up to the Reds in Asia, the sources said, because it will be ground that must be regained later.

"General MacArthur believes you have to draw a line somewhere and he hopes that the line has been drawn," the United Press was told.
The general will also emphasize to the President that Asia is just as important as Europe in world affairs and the United States must give equal attention and aid to this part of the globe.
The sources said General MacArthur is likely to point out to Mr. Truman that the United States got into World War II through the Pacific and into this present conflict the same way. They said SCAP will likely point out that while many persons in America keep talking about Europe's importance, it is a fact that the Pacific has been the door through which the Americans have marched first into their last two wars.
Diplomatic observers here look upon this meeting with President Truman as General MacArthur's big chance to explain in detail his unswerving conviction to the president. They believe the forthcoming talks may have some influence on future American policy for Asia.—United Press.

Russia says "No" to Trygve Lie

Formosa question
If Truman asks General MacArthur for his views on Formosa, the President will get them, the sources said. However, it was emphasized that the general is going to this meeting because Mr. Truman, his commander-in-chief, has summoned him and he will let the president run this conference.
General MacArthur, in true military fashion, respects chain of command and will not take the initiative in a conference, the sources pointed out. But, he will answer fully and without reservation if asked his views.
The usually informed sources said the following points are almost certain to be made by General MacArthur if Mr. Truman gives him the opportunity:
1. Communism is the world's biggest problem and this threat must be met with firm measures such as was the case in Korea.
2. Asia is just as important as Europe to the United States and the importance of Asia in World affairs is growing.
3. Something must be done to prevent Formosa, Indo-China and other non-Communist areas from falling into Red hands.
4. The United States has a responsibility of leadership in Asia that she cannot dodge without disastrous results. Signs of weakness in meeting the problem here will be interpreted as general weakness.
5. Most Asiatic nations would rather be on the side of the democratic nations but they must have an assurance they will not be left out in the cold when they are down.
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WOLVES MENACE ITALIAN TOWNS

Rome, October 12.
Wolves are terrorizing country villages 25 miles South of Rome. They killed about 30 sheep last night.
Believed to have been starved out of their lairs in the rugged Abruzzo Mountains, South of Rome, the wolves are reported to be smaller than the normal size of wolves, but very fast on their feet. They were seen looting along the ancient Via Appia last night.
In an area of about eight square miles they left scenes of carnage. Shepherds found half-eaten sheep and lambs inside and outside their pens. Word went round to the various villages today for shepherds and local peasants to organize wolf hunts all over the area.—Reuter.

Nationalist China abstained on the voting today because of Mr. Lie's long campaign to give China's United Nations seat to the Communist regime of Peking.
Four nations voted against Mr. Modzelewski—Yugoslavia, China, Ecuador and Cuba. The United States, Britain, France, India, Egypt and Norway abstained.
Sir Ramaswami Mudaliar, the eminent economist, is now the leading compromise candidate. Other possibilities are Mr. Gunnar Myrdal, Swedish economist who heads the UN Economic Commission for Europe, Mr. Carlos Romulo of the Philippines, the former General Assembly president, and Senor Padilla Naveja of Mexico.—United Press.

Bridegroom says "No" and the guests go hungry

Rome, October 12.
Eighty guests waited in vain for a wedding lunch at a sumptuous hotel here today because the bridegroom said an emphatic "No" at the church ceremony.
The bridegroom, 30-year-old Viktoro Jannitti Piremallo, was kneeling beside the 20-year-old bride, Claudia Scalco.
The church was packed.
The bride's father, an ex-army officer, stood tall and straight on his daughter's left.
The priest asked the bride the usual question. She answered clearly: "Yes, I do."
Then it was the bridegroom's turn.
He almost shouted his "No," rose to his feet and rushed out of the church, with the bride's grandfather in hot pursuit.
The bridegroom jumped into a car. The grandfather, showing surprising agility, jumped onto the running board.
Reporters following the pair heard an angry exchange before the groom drove away.
Inside the church, meanwhile, the two families almost came to blows as each party commented freely on the incident.
Peace returned to the old church only when the bride was taken away by her family.
The guests waiting for the luncheon were later informed that there would not be any.—Reuter.

TRIAL OF DR. SEAGRAVE OPENS IN RANGOON

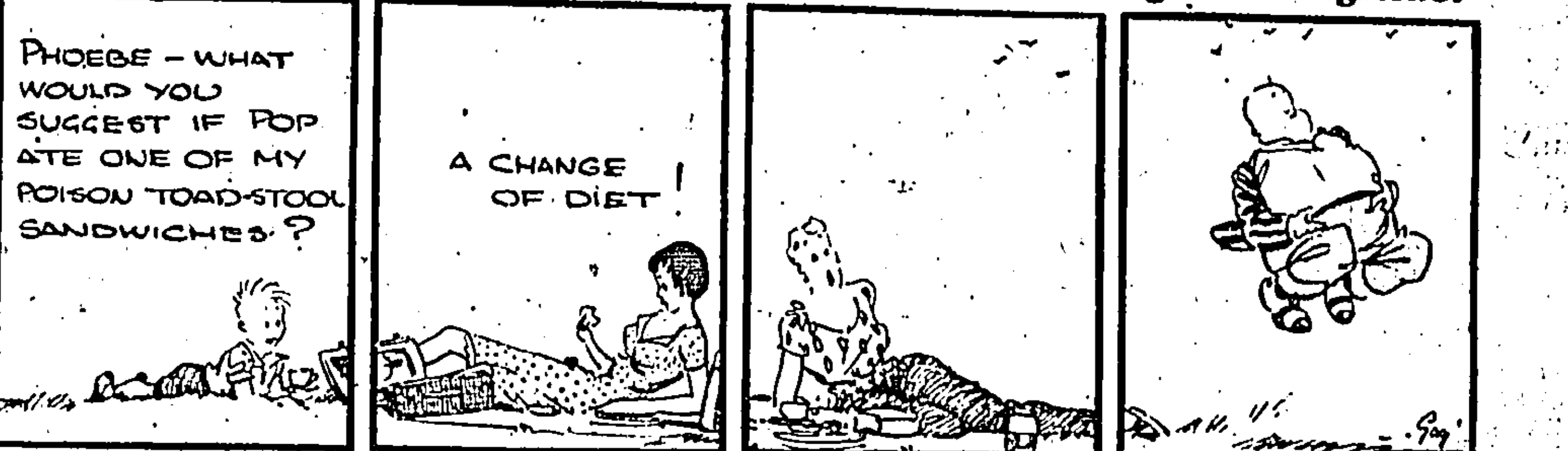
Rangoon, October 12.
Colonel Naw Gawng, wartime winner of the British Military Cross, was principal witness today in the Seagrave trial before a special tribunal.
The 33-year-old Commanding Officer of the First Kachin Rifles testified he was taken prisoner by a junior officer under Kachin renegade Captain Naw Seng, whom Dr. Gordon S. Seagrave, world famous "Burma Surgeon" stands accused of helping to wage war against the Union of Burma.

The State brought three specific charges against Dr. Seagrave.
First, it accuses him of committing high treason by aiding Naw Seng wage war on the state; secondly, of assisting, abetting and comforting the enemy; thirdly, of failing to report to the recognised authorities his knowledge of someone about to rise against the government.
Assistant Attorney General Chon Tun Aung told the tribunal Dr. Seagrave, though an American citizen, owes temporary allegiance to the State while residing there.
Dr. Seagrave faces a death sentence on the first count and banishment on a second.
The Assistant Attorney General declared that Dr. Seagrave was subtly preparing to aid the rebels by dissuading Burmese nurses in his hospital on fabricated charges of misconduct with civilian officers.
Chon Tun Aung alleged the doctor did this because he feared the Burmese girls would betray him to the government. He further alleged that the doctor silenced others by threatening to hand them over to the rebels when they occupied Nankham, Sino-Burmese border town where the hospital was.
The prosecution claimed that Dr. Seagrave welcomed Naw Seng with a tea party and gave his rebels the run of the hospital. He was hostile to government troops, Chon Tun alleged, ordering them to clear out of the hospital grounds.
A number of prosecution witnesses gave evidence in support of the charges. The trial will probably last a month.—Associated Press.

Assassination attempt on Syrian C of S

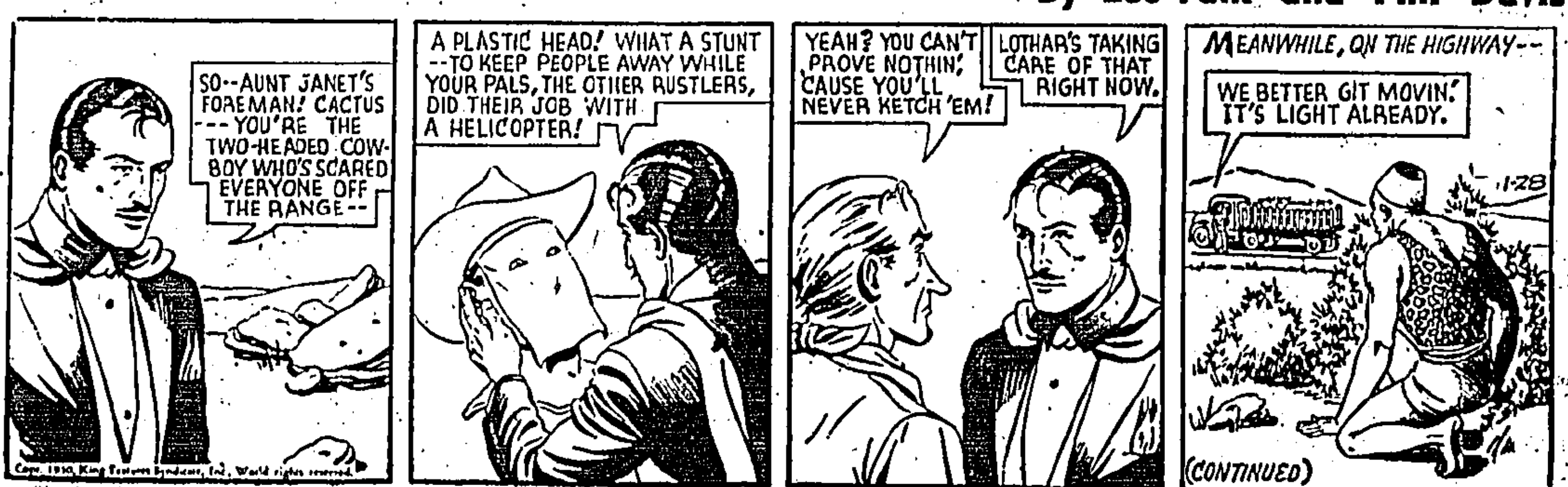
Beirut, October 12.
Four men, using tommy-guns, attempted last night to assassinate Colonel Abid Shisheki, the Syrian Army Chief of Staff, according to a report here today.
Colonel Shisheki was not hurt, but an Army officer and a soldier accompanying him were seriously injured, the report added.
Colonel Shisheki was on his way home from a casino at 2 a.m. when four tommy-gunners started firing at his car as it crossed a bridge, the reports said.
The driver stopped, reversed the car and trained the headlights on the attackers, who retreated behind some trees to escape the light. They continued firing their tommy-guns and Shisheki's group replied with revolver fire. The attackers then fled in a car.
Shisheki immediately visited the Defence Minister, Colonel Sili, and the officers remained in conference until morning. Many arrests are reported.
Syrian frontier guards today refused to allow people to leave the country although travellers were admitted.—Reuter.

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Dogma will be obstacle to unity

York, October 12. The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said today that the Pope's intention to proclaim the bodily Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven as a Dogma of the Catholic Church would raise a new obstacle to Christian unity.

In countries where Roman Catholicism was often the only alternative to atheism, educated men on the threshold of the faith might withdraw from it rather than accept a dogma which their reason rejected, he said in his presidential address to the Convocation of York.

The Church of England could not accept a dogma which had neither scriptural, historical nor doctrinal foundation.

"The claim that Christianity is a historical belief will be prejudiced if a pious belief, with no shred of history to support it, is treated as a fact of history in the same sense as the Resurrection of Jesus Christ," Dr. Garbett said.

There was widespread respect for the life and wisdom of the Pope, but there was nothing to justify the claim that even the holiest and wisest of men was infallible in his decisions.

A dogma proclaimed by a bad and foolish Pope would be equally binding upon the faithful, Dr. Garbett said. If the Pope, speaking authoritatively, made an erroneous doctrinal statement, he would commit the whole of the Catholic Church and no one within it would dare to contradict or criticize, Dr. Garbett said.

But if a head of the Church of England made an equally erroneous statement, he would not commit the Church to it. He would be over-ruled by the common consent of the clergy and laity and repudiated by the Convocation.—Reuter.

Commission's appeal on island 'theft'

Athens, October 12. The United Nations Balkans Commission has appealed to the General Assembly as a matter of urgency to consider the recent border incidents on a river in Thrace, where the Greeks accused the Bulgarians of trying to "steal" an island.

In a cable to the President of the Assembly, Nasrallah Entizam, of Persia, the Commission suggested that the two governments should be invited to refrain from any action likely to provoke further incidents and should consider an immediate meeting of a mixed commission pending a frontier convention.

The incidents, which have included clashes between frontier guards, arose over a dispute in which the Greeks have accused the Bulgarians of trying to divert the river so that the tiny island of Ophiros, in the middle of the river, which is also the frontier, would come within their territory.—Reuter.

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11.15—"Weather Report." (Studio)	
11.30—"Goodnight Music." (Studio)	

France needs urgent aid for campaign in Indo-China

Paris, October 12.

France urgently needs more and faster American military aid for Indo-China, but has no plans to ask for troops, authoritative sources said here today.

There are, in fact, no plans known to increase the size of French forces fighting there, despite severe reverses in the past week at the hands of Communist-led Vietminh guerillas.

A highly placed informant said, "definitely not," when asked if France was considering asking for either American or United Nations ground forces.

Some officials, and some newspapers, have expressed the view that the French fight in Indo-China is the cause of the Western world against Communist aggression, and that other nations should help.

The United States has already started a flow of money and material to the Indo-Chinese nation, where an estimated 100,000 French Colonial and Indo-Chinese troops have been fighting the guerillas for four years.

Reliable French sources indicated today that two French Cabinet Ministers now in Washington have been instructed to discuss the possibility of increasing and speeding up the American aid.

They are the Defence Minister, Mr. Jules Moch and the Finance Minister, Mr. Maurice Plesche. They went to Washington last week-end for a series of Franco-American and international talks on the rearming of Western Europe, unification of armed forces, and financing of new defences against the dangers of Communist aggression.

A French spokesman said today that a French battalion being trained to join the United Nations forces in Korea will be sent to Korea as planned, in spite of the French setbacks in Northern Indo-China. "What effect would another 800 men, more or less, have on a force already as big as 150,000?" he asked.

The French are sending General Alphonse Juin, one of the nation's leading military strategists, to Indo-China. A government spokesman insisted today, however, that General Juin is going for a week or so only and then will return to his post as Resident General of Morocco.

Paris meet

Meanwhile, the Prime Minister, Mr. Rene Pleven, tonight met top-level officials for a conference about the new phase of the Indo-Chinese war. Reliable reports said they agreed to study the availability of troops in France proper for the campaign and new strategic tactics.

The French Government was gravely worried by the sudden turn for the worse in the situation in Indo-China. Only two weeks ago a Government spokesman had asserted that the French forces held the initiative and will continue to do so.

The Caoang disaster, one of the worst in French colonial history, shocked and stunned both the Government and the public in France and sparked an outburst of bitter criticism of the French in all sections of the Press. Interpellations have already been tabled on it in the National Assembly, which meets again on October 17 after its summer recess.

Three immediate conclusions were drawn by the French Government:

1. The Communists, after their defeat in Korea, have opened what is in effect a "second front" in Indo-China, where the French troops now must face full-scale offensives by well-armed Vietminh forces armed with heavy artillery and other modern equipment.

2. Withdrawal of French troops from the mountainous Chinese border country is now unavoidable to enable the troops to mass for defence of the rich rice bowl of the Red River estuary.

3. Large quantities of American arms and equipment are needed at once to enable the hard-pressed French forces to meet the new danger.

The French Finance Ministry spokesman said the National Assembly would be asked for an additional 25,000,000,000 francs in credits over and above the 120,000,000,000 already allocated for 1950 to fight the war in Indo-China.—United Press, and Associated Press.

ROSSELLINI TO SUE SENATOR

Rome, October 11. The Italian film director, Mr. Roberto Rossellini, said today he had filed a libel suit in Rome this morning against United States Senator Edwin C. Johnson, the Colorado Democrat, who earlier this year attacked Rossellini from the floor of Congress.

Rossellini said he had filed the suit because of a derogatory remark which he heard that Senator Johnson had made about him at a cocktail party here last night in the presence of five Italian newspapermen.

Senator Johnson, with a party of 10, arrived in Rome yesterday, October 10, by plane for Paris at 3 p.m. today.—Associated Press.

British airlift to Korea

Evidence that British is acting without delay on her decision to continue the reinforcement of her ground troops in Korea has not been long forthcoming.

While the First Battalion of the Royal Ulster Rifles are on their way from England by troopship, the Royal Air Force's air-trooping mechanism is working hard on an airlift spanning ten thousand miles of continent and ocean.

The first contingent of reinforcement for the British 27th Brigade has already joined their units in Korea having been flown to Japan in Hastings troop-carriers of the RAF's Transport Command.

In order to cope with this reinforcement traffic, the Royal Air Force has extended its Far East trunk route by a two-day leg from Singapore.

At Manila, where the Hastings stage before embarking on the last lap of their flight, a small servicing party has been established and a similar unit exists at the airlift terminal in Japan. On arrival in Japan the troops are ushered into a transit camp for a meal and a clean-up and, within four hours are bound by rail for their port of embarkation. The machinery of transfer from the air troopers to the sea transport runs smoothly under American direction.

This giant airlift delivers the troops to Korean shores just eight days after taking-off from their home airfield in England.

Lips are sealed in Red China

Singapore, October 12. Reporters found Communist Chinese envoys and officials, who have passed through Singapore in recent weeks on their way to establish Red embassies in neighbouring South East Asian countries, cold and silent.

European—mostly missionaries and businessmen—on their way home from Mao Tse-tung's China also kept their lips tight.

The usual reason: "Some members of our organization are still in China, and if we say too much about conditions there, it may cause trouble for these people."

However, most of them agree that the days of the European in Communist China are numbered. They are gradually being squeezed out by various means:

Businessmen suffer from crippling taxes and myriad controls. Lack of foreign shipping at Chinese ports has brought business almost to a standstill.

Missionaries meet with hampering restrictions and all kinds of petty difficulties.—Associated Press.

GRANADA VISIT OF DR. CUNHA

Lisbon, October 12. The Portuguese Foreign Minister, Dr. Paul Cunha, left today for Granada, Spain, where he will meet the Spanish Foreign Minister, Mr. Martin Artajo, tomorrow.

The official purpose of his visit is to accompany the Cardinal Patriarch of Lisbon, Don Manuel Cerejeira, during the celebrations of the fourth centenary of the death of San Joao de Deus (St. John of God) who was born in Portugal in 1495 and lived most of his life in Spain.

In 1540 he founded a hospital at Granada. This was the beginning of the order of Brothers Hospitallers.

St. John was canonised in 1690.—Reuter.

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12.00—Financial and World News.	
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12.30—Dance Music.	
1.15—News.	
1.30—The Week's Composer.	
2.00—Time.	
2.30—Balmore.	
4.00—John Bull's Band.	
4.30—Locally Yours.	
5.00—Unit Requests.	
6.00—The War Of The Worlds.	
6.30—Ray McKinley Orchestra.	
6.45—Spotlight on Show.	
7.00—Sing Sing.	
7.15—"Ten Times."	
7.45—Down Harmony Lane.	
8.00—D.B.C. News.	
8.10—Local News.	
8.15—Old New Manila.	
8.30—The Week's Sports.	
8.45—Presenting Joy Nichols.	
9.00—Norman Orlowitz and His Men.	
9.15—Relay Music.	
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AUSTRALIA'S DEFENCE BILL

Canberra, October 12. Australia will increase her defence spending by more than 50 per cent in the fiscal year 1950-51, the Federal Treasurer, Mr. W. A. Fadden, announced today in the Parliament.

A part of the money will be used for production in Australia of high-speed bombers and jet fighters, modernisation of Australia's destroyer fleet and for the establishment of women's services. The budget also set aside \$200,000,000 for stockpiling war materials and equipment.—United Press.

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Eighth Race Meeting:

ACQUISITION TIPPED TO WIN KWANGTUNG HANDICAP

By "RAPIER"

Postponed from last Saturday due to the sudden state of the course, the first day of the Eighth Race Meeting will be held this afternoon. The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

There are 10 races on the programme, the most important of which is the Kwangtung Handicap over the mile, a handicap event for all Australian Ponies of 1950 which were classified on June 29, 1950; however, only those classified Class 7 will be allowed to start.

The first prize in connection with the "Special Cash Sweep" will be worth about \$929,970.

Race No. 1—Granville Handicap (First Section): From near the Two Mile Post Once Round & In.

The first race of the day is confined to Australian Ponies Class 7 and will be ridden by Novice jockeys.

Strathnamara will be taken out by Mr. Auchincloss and will probably start favourite, especially when one bears in mind its third placing in the Birmingham Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at Whitson Meeting with Mr. Ostroumoff.

I understand that Mr. Dau will be riding Goldfield. This pony should not be ignored as it is fast improving.

Jackal (Mr. Huang), should not be left out of consideration in spite of its previous disappointing performance.

Mr. Robert Tsai will take out Iron Mask and for those who are prepared to take a chance, this combination may return a useful dividend.

New cash sweep record established

The sale of cash sweep tickets on the Kwangtung Handicap, which is to be run this afternoon, broke all preceding records when, at closing time yesterday at the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Telephone Building, exactly 2,050,200 tickets had been sold.

The first prize to the holder of the winning ticket will be worth approximately \$929,970.72.

The second prize will be worth about \$265,704.30, while the minor third prize will be valued at \$132,852.15.

Drawers of unplaced ponies and non-starters will share between them \$893,700.00.

The old record mark of 2,020,000 tickets, which was created last year, netted the winner \$916,272.00.

The postponement of the Kwangtung Handicap race from last Saturday to today, thus allowing the further sales of the sweep tickets for another week, made the present mammoth prize possible to the lucky winner.

The last ticket sold on Friday, October 6, at 6 p.m. was 1,734,300 and the first prize was to have been a little more than HK\$700,000.

Due to the opening by the Jockey Club of a branch office in D'Aguilar Street, for the sale of cash sweep tickets, no congestion was caused at the main office booths yesterday by members of the public who normally indulge in a last-minute purchasing spree.

Race No. 2—Kwangtung Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

This is the main event of the afternoon and Australian Ponies of 1950 classified Class 7 will participate.

The "Special Cash Sweep" will depend on the result.

Among the ponies entered I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the winner will come from the following: Acquisition (Mr. T. Wong), Ironside (Mr. T. Wong), Ironside (Mr. T. Wong), Huntmaster (Mr. Chen Poo) and High Straight (Mr. Ostroumoff).

Acquisition will have Mr. Maitland up and, in view of the distance, I consider that it has a good chance of scoring a win here but there is no doubt but that it will meet with serious opposition.

Gladiolus is running well during morning training and should be considered.

Then there is Ironside, which will be taken out by Mr. Noodt and which should be a dangerous contender as these two form a good combination.

Play Day, Huntmaster and High Straight are also worth keeping in mind on account of their good form at the moment.

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BADMINTON:

HK to take part in Thomas Cup Games

A decision to send a Hong Kong team to take part in the 1951 Thomas Cup Competition, subject to the question of finance being solved, was reached at a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Hong Kong Badminton Association yesterday.

The financial question will be explored by the Committee, which will meet again to discuss this matter about December 1.

Mr. D. Hazell, President, presided at yesterday's meeting. Mr. D. Kwok, the Hon. Secretary was also present.

The meeting also decided that League matches for the 1950-51 season should start on Monday, November 6.

Games in the Men's "A" and "C" Divisions will be played on Mondays. Men's "B" Division matches will be played on Wednesdays and Senior and Junior Mixed Doubles on Fridays.

All Clubs are requested to send in their entrance fees of \$5 per team and an affiliation fee of \$10 by the closing date, Thursday, October 20.

The names of team players are also to be submitted to the League Secretary at the same time.

The following were elected to the League Sub-Committee: Messrs. E. X. Alves, W. B. Brown, Kwok Pak-wai and Patrick Wong.

HKFA MEETING POSTPONED

Owing to the lack of a quorum, the Hong Kong Football Association Emergency Sub-Committee meeting which was to have been held yesterday was postponed.

The Chester Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the Whitson Meeting.

Corrib (Mr. Ostroumoff), should fill second place and Golden Dragon (Mr. Shih), will probably take the other position.

As an outsider I suggest Forward View (Mr. Noodt).

Race No. 3—Granville Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

In this sprint event for the second lot of Class 7 Australian Ponies of previous season, I think the result will be decided between the following: Forever Spring (Mr. Miu), Green Velvet (Mr. Maitland), Madame Butterfly (Mr. T. Wong), Dawn (Mr. Noodt) and Souvenir (Mr. Kwok).

Forever Spring is a greatly improved animal and its win in the Birmingham Handicap (Third Section) over the mile at the Whitson Meeting should provide it with another win here.

On the other hand, Green Velvet, is well suited for this distance and will be near at close.

Madame Butterfly is another possible choice, as the distance is more to its liking.

Then there is Dawn, which has not raced since the 2nd day of the Annual Meeting, while Souvenir is also a possibility.

Race No. 4—Nathan Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

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Race No. 5—Granville Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

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Race No. 6—Pedder Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

This race will be contested by Second Section Australian Ponies Class 7 and will be ridden by Novice jockeys.

Rapier's Selections for today

Race No. 1—Granville Handicap (First Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
STRATHNAMARA
GOLDFIELD
JACKAL
Outsider: Iron Mask.

Race No. 2—Kwangtung Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
ACQUISITION
IRONSIDE
GLADIOLUS
Outsider: Huntmaster.

Race No. 3—Granville Handicap (First Section): 1 1/4 Miles.
AIDS AND GRACES
DOMINION DAY
BECKENHAM
Outsider: Marlgold.

Race No. 4—Nathan Handicap (First Section): Six Furlongs.
JORROCKS
SANS ABOUT
RADIOTRON
Outsider: Bunkies.

Race No. 5—Granville Handicap (Second Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
BONNIE EYES
MIAMI BEAUTY
BONIFACE
Outsider: Al Fresco.

Race No. 6—Pedder Handicap (First Section): One Mile.
SPEED WHEEL
KINGFISHER
LIBERTY DIAMOND
Outsider: Argus II.

Race No. 7—Connaught Handicap (Second Section): 1 1/4 Miles.
PROBABILITY
CORRIB
GOLDEN DRAGON
Outsider: Forward View.

Race No. 8—Nathan Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.
DOUBLE COIN
BALLERINA
MIDNIGHT EXPRESS
Outsider: Happy Boy.

Race No. 9—Pedder Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.
GOOD BAY
PEACOCK
CARE FREE
Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 10—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
GOOD BAY
PEACOCK
CARE FREE
Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 11—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
GOOD BAY
PEACOCK
CARE FREE
Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 12—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 13—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 14—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 16—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 17—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 18—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 19—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Race No. 20—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
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Outsider: Eleanor.

Race No. 21—Granville Handicap (Third Section): From near the 2-Mile Post.
GOOD BAY
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CARE FREE
Outsider: Eleanor.

Soccer:

Battle royal between S. China and KMB expected

A battle royal is expected at Caroline Hill afternoon, when South China entertain Kowloon Motor Bus in a First Division League soccer game.

Both teams are still undefeated and while it is somewhat early to start making predictions it is generally conceded that the team who wins today's game will in all probability off the Championship this season.

Tomorrow, the spotlight will be on the First Division League game between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Motor Bus at the Happy Valley.

Although both Kowloon Motor Bus and South China have won all their games to date, the busmen have been faced with much stronger opposition than the Caroline Hill lads, who have had all easy games so far.

Kowloon Motor Bus started off the season in fine style by defeating the much-fancied Kwong Wah XI by two clear goals in a thrill-packed game.

The busmen followed up this victory with a smashing 4-0 win over a strong Police team last week.

South China, on the other hand, have had Club and R.A.F. as opponents, winning one game 7-0 and the other by a fine clear goal.

Main strength While the busmen are sound all round, South China's main strength lies in attack.

South China is rather weak in defence and there is a feeling that this defence will not be able to cope with the fast moving KMB forwards.

If South China can manage to take the lead early in the game and thus upset the equilibrium of the busmen, they should win. Otherwise, the odds are on the busmen taking both points.

Club who scored a fine 4-1 win over Eastern during the week, will be taking the field full of confidence in their game against Royal Navy at Happy Valley this afternoon and should continue in winning vein.

Not impressive At Boundary Street, Chinese A.A. will be at home to Kwong Wah. Chinese A.A. have not been impressive at all this season and a victory for Kwong Wah is almost a foregone conclusion.

However, if they are to take both points, Kwong Wah must put up a better display than they did last week against Eastern.

Army, who are also still undefeated, will meet the Royal Air Force at Soekunpo this afternoon and should have no difficulty whatsoever in retaining a clean sheet.

Tomorrow, all roads will lead to the Club ground at Happy Valley, where the giant-killers of the First Division, St. Joseph's, entertain Kowloon Motor Bus.

The Saints, who also boast an unbeaten record, are making a bold bid for honours this season and if reputation counts for anything, they should account for KMB tomorrow.

A keenly contested game should be seen, with the odds on the Saints taking both points by a narrow margin.

In the only other First Division game down for decision tomorrow, Police should account for Eastern at Boundary Street.

Week-end programme The following is the week-end programme:

Today FIRST DIVISION Club v. Navy; Club, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: A. G. B. Carroll; Linesmen: Mak Yeung-fai and F. A. Barretto.

CAA v. Kwong Wah; Boundary Street, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: A. E. P. Guest; Linesmen: A. Brearley and T. Learden.

South China v. KMB; Caroline Hill, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: L. Chang; Linesmen: A. Leck and P. J. London.

Army v. RAF; Soekunpo, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: J. W. Sharpe; Linesmen: Liu Ting-kai and Wong King-choi.

SECOND DIVISION "A" Club v. Navy; Club, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.

Solicitors v. South China; Caroline Hill, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: P. J. London.

Tramways v. RAF; Soekunpo, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: W. Lawler.

PRISON v. Eastern; Navy, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: L. Chang.

PCA v. CAA; Boundary Street, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: T. Learden.

Yard Police v. KMB; Navy, 3.45 p.m.; Referee: F. A. Barretto.

Kit Chee v. St. Joseph's; Club, 5.15 p.m.; Referee: J. F. Ennis; Linesmen: Chan Tak-fai and F. A. Barretto.

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Softball:

Jolting Jags take on St. Teresa's; Americans tangle with Pandas

By "GRANDSTAND"

The Jolting Jaguars, riding on the crest of a victorious upsurge with two hard-earned softball triumphs to their credit, take on St. Teresa's tomorrow at 11.30 a.m. to highlight the week-end programme.

The skidding Americans tangle with the Pandas in another important senior game, while Canucks encounter the Dodgers and Madcaps cross bats with the Panthers to complete the senior loop fixtures.

In the minor circuit, the Blackhawks—South China's scuffle is bound to attract countless junior fans, as these two pennant aspiring outfits clash at 4.00 p.m. this afternoon.

Pirates will be engaged in a doubleheader when they meet St. Teresa's this afternoon and Clowns tomorrow, to provide fans of the Ladies Loop with their quota of thrills.

Diamond activities over the week-end will answer the question of the day, and that is, whether the Americans and St. Teresa's can stage off defeat and stay in the current flag chase which is taking on a torrid tempo.

It must be admitted, however, that St. Teresa's did not have the best of their first two starts which ended against them, for Joey Franco pitched both games brilliantly—as a matter of fact, the consensus of opinion is that Joey pitched his best game to date against the Saints on Saturday and dished out a neat mound job on Monday against the Madcaps.

St. Teresa's right-fielder, Kito Iyandman, was hurt sliding home last week, but it is not likely that the injury is serious enough to sideline him this week.

St. Teresa's have good hitting power and provided they use it at the right time, will prove tough opposition to the Jaguars.

The Jaguars are determined not to let St. Teresa's halt their march to Permantville and have been holding frequent practices.

The starting hurler is still uncertain but the team has been briefed in strategy by mastermind Raulacio "Frankie" Barros.

Umpires for this important tilt will be Don Robbins, Doyle and Tiger Hussain.

Pandas will depend on tight fielding to hold down the Americans in the quest for the flag.

There is no doubt that the Americans have the heaviest hitters in the league and Panda hurler Vincent Xavier, who has an assortment of curves, will have to mix them well and truly, to muzzle the opposing artillery.

Last week's lopsided scores proved once more that the Pandas must adopt more drastic screening of entries to the senior league next year.

At the moment there are 14 teams in the senior league and it is safe to say that at least a quarter of these teams should never have been admitted.

The standard of play in the junior league is improving by leaps and bounds and a system of relegation must be instituted to make way for these up-and-coming youngsters next season.

Last week's Council meeting decided to obtain the opinions of teams with regard to the final play-off for the championship.

The method now forward was either the new team in the final or the team which had won the most games.

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KCC Tennis Handicaps

The Handicap Tennis Tournaments now being played at the Kowloon Cricket Club are nearing completion and the following are the last of the matches which have to be played off.

Today at 3 p.m. The Semi-Finals of the Ladies Singles Handicap between Miss L. C. Coxall and Miss N. Lambert Baker.

Tomorrow at 10.30 a.m. The Finals of the Ladies Doubles Handicap between Miss P. Kotewall and Mrs. L. C. Kotewall, Miss P. Kotewall and Miss M. Ribero.

Monday, October 16 The Finals of the Men's Doubles Handicap between Lieut. Col. R. Slack and J. Lerlou v. L. C. Kotewall and J. Fenton.

The Finals of the Ladies Singles Handicap between Miss M. Ribero and the Winner of Saturday afternoon's game.

Tuesday, October 17 The Two Semi-Finals of the Mixed Doubles Handicap will be played—Mrs. E. Litton and A. V. White v. Miss C. and L. C. Kotewall; Miss P. Kotewall and J. Fenton v. Lieut. Col. and Mrs. R. Slack.

Wednesday, October 18 The Finals of the Mixed Doubles Handicap will be played off between the winners of Tuesday's games.

LAND FORCES WATER POLO

Hong Kong Regiment beat the First Battalion, the Leicestershire Regiment, two goals to nil in the final of the Land Forces inter-unit water polo competition at the European YMCA pool last night.

It was a very fast game throughout and the Hong Kong Regiment scored one goal in each half. Goal scorers were "Spilkey" Gutteridge and R. Marshall.

ROYAL NAVY HOCKEY TEAM

The following have been selected to represent the Royal Navy in a League hockey match against Argonauts "A" on the Navy No. 1 Ground, King's Park, tomorrow, Sunday, October 15. Bully off 4.30 p.m.

A. B. Barry (Black Swan), A. B. Johncock (Black Swan), Surg. Lt. Malloy (Tamar), Sub. Lt. Cawston (Comus), Lt. Cdr. Trowbridge (Comus), Lt. Cdr. Naylor (Black Swan), Surg. Lt. Reader (Tamar), Lt. McCulligan (Comus), R. P. G. Clipp (Tamar), Sub. Lt. G. B. Black Swan and Lt. Cornell (Tamar).

Competitors are reminded that they must be present at the Railway Pier by 10.30 a.m. for the roll call.

Number tags already issued should be pinned on to the swimming costumes as a means of identification.

For the benefit of those who are swimming in this event for the first time, Railway Pier is located behind the KCR Railway Station, and is to the left of the Star Ferry Pier.

In the final of the Kowloon Cricket Club Men's Singles Tennis Handicap played at the K.C.C. on Saturday, October 14, 1950, the following were the winners: Mr. G. A. G. G. G. G. G. G. G